

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

### Census reveals highest student headcount in Northwest history

By Evan Young  
Editor in Chief

Fall 2008 student enrollment at Northwest is the highest in the institution's history, according to recent census data.

A total of 6,903 students are enrolled in the University this trimester, according to the data, a percentage increase of more than 4 percent from last year's fall census of 6,613 students.

That's good news for Northwest's Rational Expectations Enrollment Plan (REEP). Introduced earlier this year, the REEP predicts Northwest's enrollment levels will increase 20 percent over the next five years, which translates to 4-percent increases each year.

The REEP, based on averages over the past five years, sets a target of about 7,700 students by the 2012 academic year.

"We're well on our way to fully implementing our growth plan," Provost Kichoon Yang said of this year's numbers.

A statewide decrease in high school graduation rates have caused some state institutions, such as Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., to see declines in enrollment, Yang said. But Northwest's solid recruitment and marketing strategies have helped draw students to Maryville in spite of the drop, he said.

"Our marketing (department) and recruiters are doing their jobs exceedingly well," Yang said. "Marketing and recruiting makes a big difference. Otherwise, you're just subjecting yourself to the whim of overall education trends."

However, the newest data also brings to light issues regarding faculty, class and classroom availability.

A record 6 percent, higher-than-expected increase in first-year freshman students in fall 2007 led to faculty — namely those teaching general education courses — taking on course overloads, or more than four sections of a course apiece.

Average course loads by credit hour went up for sophomores this fall, meaning many students were forced to wait until their second year to sign up for general education courses, Yang said.

In one example, 300 students were unable to enroll in Fundamentals of Oral Communication sections last year as a direct result of faculty and section shortages, he said.

"This year, we're trying to clear the backlog, especially in the area of general education," Yang said. "I want to make sure we're not turning students away because we don't have enough seats. It can be very frustrating for them."

Yang thinks a combination of adding more faculty and creating additional general education course sections should solve the class availability problem. He's asked the college deans to consider adding sections.

The REEP calls for hiring up to 30 new faculty members over the five-year increase to address large incoming numbers. So far, the University has hired six new faculty members, Yang said.

Classroom space is an "all around, pretty urgent" issue, Yang said.

Minor adjustments have been made to increase space, including the installation of wireless technology in one of Colden Hall's computer labs

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## PROFILE

# Come fly with me



photo by jared clark | convergence editor

PILOT JOE RANKIN radios Maryville air traffic control, informing them of the test flight over the city. Rankin joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952 during the Korean War, but military age restrictions kept him from flying. By the time he was old enough, the war was over.

## Local pilot reflects on more than 60 years in the air

By Sean Callahan  
Missourian Reporter

After checking a variety of gauges and instruments, he puts the key in the ignition. The engine emits a deep, rumbling sound as the propeller begins to spin.

The cockpit smells of worn leather seats and a hint of motor oil, like the inside of an old Ford Mustang. He increases the throttle and the Cessna 172 Skyhawk speeds down the runway and lifts smoothly into the air.

From 1,000 feet above the ground, Joe Rankin sees houses being built, fields being plowed and to the west, Maryville and the Northwest campus. The view is not unusual to Rankin, though it has changed during the 61 years since his first flight. During that time, he has logged more than 13,000 hours of aviation instruction.

Rankin started flying in 1947 while attending Maryville High School, using money earned on his

paper route to pay the \$13 an hour fee for lessons. He completed his first solo flight at the age of 16 and earned his pilot's license at 17.

The Air Force seemed like a good fit for a young flight enthusiast, so Rankin joined in 1952. Unfortunately, he was too young to fly in the military, and by the time he was old enough the Korean War ended,

greatly reducing the need for pilots.

After coming home from the Air Force in 1953, Rankin started a business

spraying crops for local farmers. The city of Maryville needed a new manager for the Municipal Airport west of town and approached him about the position. In 1964, Rankin became manager of the Maryville Municipal Airport.

Rankin's wife, Jo, ran the office at the airport while Rankin instructed students and maintained the aircraft as well as the grounds.

**"You could describe flight as hours and hours of sheer boredom punctuated by stark terror,"**  
- Joe Rankin



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RANKIN TALKS ABOUT the Piper Cub; the model his son owns now is a replica the first plane Rankin learned to fly in 1947. The wings of the plane are made of fabric not aluminum and can handle almost double the amount of G's that aluminum planes can.

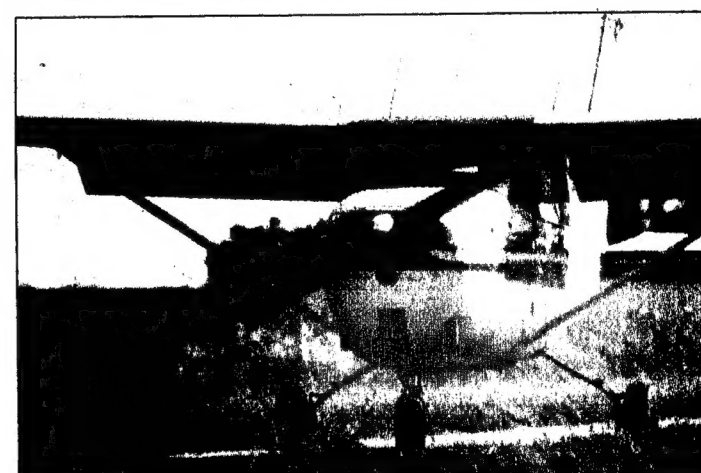
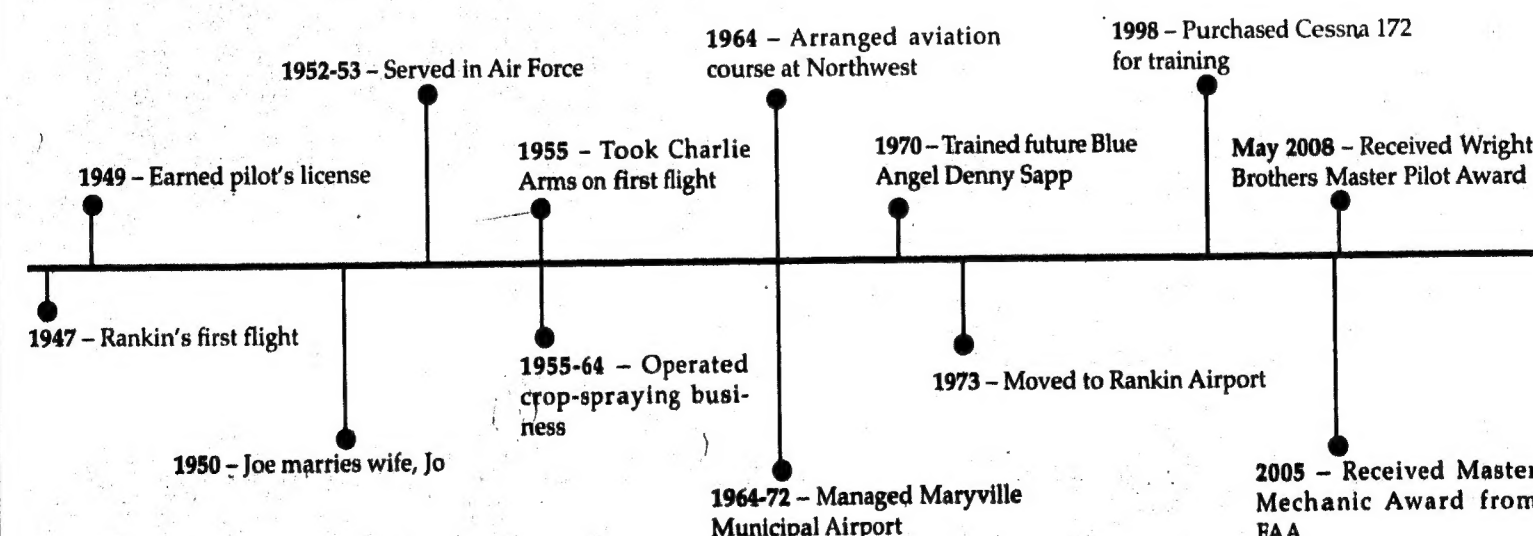


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See PILOT on A5 THE PLANE RANKIN currently uses to train prospective pilots is this Cessna 172 Skyhawk.



## ACADEMIC SPACE

### Wells, fine arts building make improvement list

By Katie Luers  
Chief Reporter

Both the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building and Wells Hall made the list this year for improvements recommended by the Academic Space Group (ASG).

First on the priority list for the group is a new academic building. The Fine Arts building and Wells Hall qualified second and third on the list for building improvements, Arts and Science Dean Charles McAdams said.

"We advise the Provost, looking at the needs for improvement or huge construction items for space and academic affairs," McAdams said. "We did a thorough analysis on academic space on campus."

Their mission is to look at the space needs on campus and prioritize those needs, McAdams said.

ASG also accepts project ideas for academic areas. Television and Video Engineer Will Murphy and Mass Communication instructor Jacquie Lamer worked on a renovation idea for the second floor of Wells Hall, Murphy said.

The renovation project would make the second floor of Wells Hall "more of a common space," Murphy said. Plans included more seating areas, a television, wireless Internet access, new carpet and better lighting.

Wells Hall doesn't currently meet the needs of the department, Murphy said.

"We want to help make the building more appealing and more useful," Murphy said.

The proposed renovations would cost \$30,000 with \$8,000 in donated materials, Murphy said.

Two weeks ago the University told the committee there was not currently funding for the proposed Wells Hall and Fine Arts building projects, Murphy said.

The Fine Arts building proposed renovations to the building, including soundproofing rooms, Murphy said.

Student needs are a priority for ASG, but the group is unfunded and only makes recommendations to the Provost, McAdams said.

"I believe that the most important work we do as an institution is what we do for the students, and what we do for students in classrooms, laboratories, teaching studios, music studios and theater," McAdams said. "That's where our core mission is influenced."

Approximately 10 people make up the committee. These members include the deans of each department: Tom Billesbach, Charles McAdams and Max Ruhl, Enrollment Management Dean Bev Schenkel, current Faculty Senate President Doug Sudhoff, previous Faculty Senate President Chi Lo Lim, the Chair of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee Mike Wilson, Assistant to the Provost Doug Dunham, the High Chair David Oehler, University Architect Becky Mullins and Director of Environmental Services Paul Wildnauer, said McAdams.

The committee is structured to represent other academic constituents, including departments and faculty, McAdams said.

ASG meets a couple of times each trimester and makes recommendations to the University twice a year. They make recommendations on Sept. 15 and Feb. 15 each year, McAdams said.

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

# SNAKES

## Celebrity's interactive program on animal world slithers to campus next week

By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

Interacting with wild animals is something this wildlife enthusiast does on a daily basis.

Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin presents his program, "Tales from the Field" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

The program includes audience member interaction with wild animals, student

Activities Council Lecture Chair Wesley Miller said.

"When live animals are part of the show, Corwin invites audience members on stage to interact with the animals, while he discusses the unique challenges each species faces in the world," Miller said.



Jeff Corwin

his passion for environmental conservation, Miller said.

The presentation will also include parts of Corwin's other presentation, titled, "Planet in Peril: Environmental Threats of the 21st Century," Miller said.

"Corwin focuses on modern-day extinction and

habitat exploitation occurring throughout the planet," Miller said. "He also highlights conservation success stories, demonstrating how we are able to ensure that future generations can enjoy nature."

The audience has an opportunity to interact one-on-one with Corwin. SAC decided to bring him to campus to include an interactive lecture, Miller said.

"I really think this will open up doors in the future to

bring bigger lectures to campus who will really appeal to students and will get out of the boring lecture stereotype," Miller said.

SAC thought Corwin would be very pleasing to the audience members and the community because of his upbeat personality and his presentation involving animals, SAC president Adam Watson said.

Corwin has an amazing story to tell, but he also has a show that students will

respond to, Watson said.

"Around campus, you can hear the buzz about how excited the students are and how they can't wait to hear the lecture," Watson said. "This tells me that SAC made the right choice in bringing Jeff to campus."

International graduate student Galaa Tuuguu can't wait for the presentation, but not because she is Jeff Corwin fan.

Tuuguu is earning her masters degree in general



CAMPUS BRIEFS

"Time" journalist  
starts lecture series

Jay Carney from "Time" magazine will open the 2008-2009 distinguished lecture series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Performing Arts Center.

Carney is the Washington bureau chief for "Time." He has written about politics for "Time" as a White House correspondent since 1993.

On Sept. 11, 2001 Carney was among the journalists onboard Air Force One with President George W. Bush.

Poker night set for  
Tower View Room

SAC will host late night poker in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Poker will take place in the Tower View Room (third floor) from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Concert planned to  
spice up JW's Grille

SAC will host a concert by Clay Cumbe Tuesday Oct. 14 in JW's Grille in the lower level of the J.W. Student Union.

Halloween festivities  
planned at the Union

Pumpkin painting and lunch will be noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union. The event will be sponsored by SAC.

Jazz ensemble set to play  
at Charles Johnson Theater

Northwest Jazz Ensemble will hold a concert 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Program helps faculty keep  
tabs on academic performance

By Kiley Swopes  
Missourian Reporter

The Attendance Early Alert Program is keeping faculty and staff engaged in student's progress while in the classroom.

Most students are aware of the resources available on the Northwest campus such as the Talent Development Center (TDC), Math and Science Labs and the Counseling Center. Any time students feel they need help they can reach out to these resources, Talent Development Center Director Leslie Galbreath said.

Teachers can also seek help for students who they think are struggling in class.

Northwest is going on its fourth year with the Attendance Early Alert Program. Early Alert is a nationwide program brought to campus to get faculty and staff on the lookout for students who show signs of struggle in the classroom, Advisement Administrator Bradley Landhuis said.

Before this program, students had to identify themselves. Now the whole campus can be on the lookout for each other.

The faculty and staff are reminded through brochures and e-mails to watch for students, from freshmen to graduate students, who are showing an unusual side of themselves in class Landhuis said.

Examples include lack of attendance, sleeping through class, sitting in the back when they usually sit in front, a lack of participation and low academic performance, Landhuis said.

If faculty become aware of these changes, they can report students two ways. They can either fill out a form on my

Northwest, under the faculty tab located by Teaching Resources, or they can send an e-mail to Landhuis at Advise@nwmissouri.edu.

The Attendance Early Alert Program brochure lists information needed to successfully help a student.

The student's name, the course name and number, a brief description of the concern and other details such as number of absences or types of concerning behaviors should be included.

Once Landhuis is aware of the student, he will notify the student by e-mail.

"We send the students a non-threatening e-mail making suggestions," Landhuis said. "We also e-mail their advisor to give them a heads up if the student comes to them, a response goes back to the reporting faculty or staff so they know we received the information, and we send out an e-mail to the other resources in case the student goes directly to them."

Once the TDC receives an e-mail from Landhuis it reminds the student they are there to help.

The TDC has one-on-one tutoring in many general education courses and supplement instruction (SI) which is group tutoring, Galbreath said.

Once students reach out for help they are directed to the most appropriate resource, Landhuis said. More than 450 students have been reported and 45 to 60 percent came back to school the following trimester after seeking help.

"Early alert is a repository," Galbreath said. "It's a place to go and say this student is struggling, and they can get help."

UP 'TIL DAWN

Fundraiser benefits kids  
with CUREabbean theme

By Toni Baldwin  
Missourian Reporter

Students are looking forward to an upcoming event held at Northwest Missouri State University.

Up 'til Dawn is a student-led campaign in help to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Northwest students are starting their campaigns now. From 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. on April 3 students will fill Bearcat Arena and the Recreation Center for the finale.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is both a treatment center and a research facility traditionally associated with fighting against pediatric cancer. This hospital is only for children and is funded almost entirely by private donors.

It takes more than \$1 million a day to run the hospital in Tennessee. Last year Northwest students raised almost \$80,000 for the hospital. This year's

goal was raised to \$115,000. If this goal is reached then the total money raised in the past three years will be a quarter of a million dollars, Laura Palermo, executive board member, said.

This year's theme is "Pirates of the CUREabbean." Teams can register to participate until Oct. 10. Palermo said during the final event there will be a full night of entertainment. They will announce the total amount raised, have games, food, music, live bands, inflatables, and more.

"We just really want to get a lot of people involved. We want athletes, faculty and staff, and freshmen who don't know about Up 'til Dawn to get involved," Palermo said.

During the Pittsburg State and Northwest game at Arrowhead Stadium Oct. 4, there will be a canned food drive benefiting St. Jude's. This is going to be a competition between Pittsburg State and Northwest. The winners will be announced during

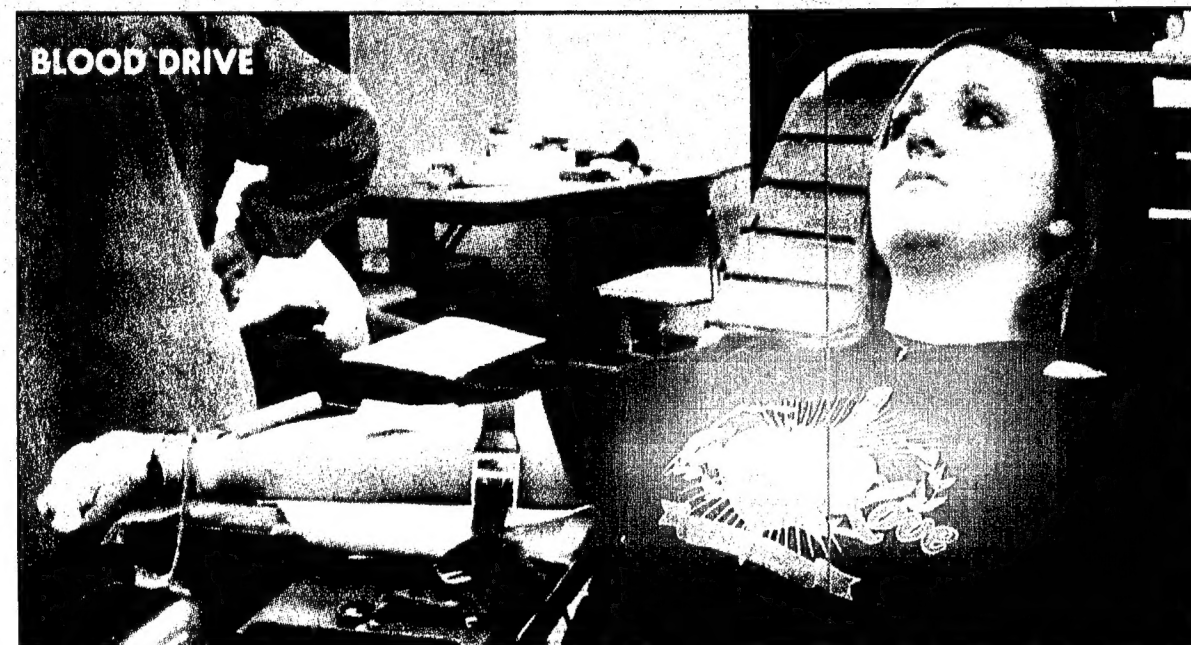
halftime of the football game and will be split between the two competing schools, Palermo said.

Teams that would like to sign up can register for \$30. Teams consist of six people. If they want to have less than six they must pay the \$30.

Julie Ray is a participant for this year's event. She is looking forward to the fundraising events such as the Golden Pond Plunge, Burger King Night and canned food drives.

"I am most looking forward to see how big the finale gets because it gets bigger and bigger every year. I am also looking forward to see how much is going to be raised," Ray said.

Up 'til Dawn is a very meaningful event, Palermo said. There are many people who help raise thousands of dollars just to help support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This event is a huge help to the hospital in Tennessee, Palermo said.



THE NORTHWEST BLOOD DRIVE had many people giving blood, including Modu Kenta. The three-day event, sponsored by Student Senate, benefits the Community Blood Center. Blood drives at Northwest bring in more units of blood than any other donation site in northwest Missouri. Betty Tanker, donor recruitment representative for CBC, said.

COMMUNITY

CITY BRIEFS

Scholarship  
applications  
available

The Missouri Sheriffs' Association is awarding the John Dennis Scholarship to a criminal justice major.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to 16 college-bound Missouri high school seniors who intend to pursue a criminal justice career and will be attending a Missouri college or university.

Applicants must have a 2.0 GPA or higher, be in good standing with their school, have a good reference from their school counselor, demonstrate financial need and be active in extra-curricular activities.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact the Missouri Sheriffs' Association and Training Academy. (573) 635-5925. All applications must be submitted by Jan. 31, 2009.

United Way event  
set for this month

The third annual United Way Baked Potato Bar fundraiser will be held 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23. Cost is \$5 per person, and will be held at the Nodaway County Senior Center. For questions, call 562-3910.

ELECTION 2008

Getting 'presidential':  
Candidates prepare for  
second debate next week

By Lindsay Jacobs  
Copy Editor

The economy is not only a worry for the country's citizens and the rest of the world, but it will be one of the major issues awaiting the next president.

In last week's presidential debate, both Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and Sen. John McCain (D-Ariz.) realized if they win they need to make changes to their platform in order to accommodate the feeble economy.

Mark Jelavich, accounting, economics and finance professor, predicts the next president will face a recession because of the housing market issues. He sees each candidate having different philosophies for dealing with this.

"(John) McCain will probably advocate tax cuts, I think (Barack) Obama will probably advocate some spending increases, both of which would help boost total spending of the economy," Jelavich said.

Richard Fulton, history, humanities, philosophy and political science professor said he noticed McCain seems interested in getting rid of capital gains taxes so businesses and the wealthy can invest more. Obama thinks everyone else needs tax breaks, which can be funded by

small increase in the taxes for "the 10 percent of people who control 75 percent of the world," Fulton said.

When he watched the debate, Fulton noticed both candidates spoke in broad terms about the sacrifices they would make, if they are elected.

"They don't come up with specific kinds of stuff except for talking about what they'd do with taxes, but even that is complex and broad, so it's the general impression that people get that's important for most debates. Who looks presidential, and who doesn't," Fulton said. "You can only judge fundamentally on those broad principles that they bring," Fulton said.

Jelavich said he saw the first debate as a draw between the two candidates.

It will be interesting to watch the next debate to see exactly what their tactics and what they need new strategies when it comes the economy, Fulton said.

Jelavich thinks each candidate needs to come up with programs or policies to encourage spending.

Fulton said the key for both candidates is to look presidential, and notices McCain is trying to make Obama not look presidential when it comes to Iraq and the economy. While trying to make himself look like he can handle the presidency,



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SENS. Barack Obama and John McCain talk after visiting the reflecting pool at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2008 in Manhattan, New York.

Fulton said.

Whoever gets in office may need to raise revenue when he gets

there, but they won't mention it now because he doesn't want to scare potential voters, Fulton said.

ELECTION 2008

Conception  
resident  
vies for  
treasurer

By Chris Lee  
Community News Editor

Experience is a big part behind Nodaway County collector-treasurer candidate Marilyn Jenkins.

Jenkins grew up in Conception Junction, Mo. and continues to live there today. She has four sons who all live in the area as well.

Jenkins worked for Nodaway County Assessor, Rex Wallace, as the deputy assessor for a couple years.

After working for the assessor, she was hired to work in the collector-treasurer's office. She thought she might want to run for election when she started working for the treasurer's office in January 2007.

"When I was hired, it was kind of in the back of my mind, because I knew Mary was retiring," Jenkins said.

Jenkins stresses experience is a key factor for the position.

"There's just no way really you can walk in off the street and do this job," Jenkins said. "I can't even think of the word 'I want to use to describe what it would be like for someone to walk in off the street.'"

Jenkins is family support behind Jenkins is strong. She has four sons who all support her along with her five brothers and sisters.

"My sons have been wonderful, they have been on the campaign trail with me constantly," Jenkins said. "We've gone door to door, and they've been to all the small towns with me."

Other than family, Jenkins says she has wonderful friends who support her as well.

"I don't know what I would do without the people in the office," Jenkins said. "They have been just wonderful help. It's just been a wonderful support system."

Jenkins wants to keep up the service the collector-treasurer's office offers. She wants to keep people coming into the office and having them as happy as can be when they walk out the door.

"Experience does make a difference," Jenkins said. "This job has so many different hats."



Marilyn Jenkins

ECONOMICS

Financial bill expected  
to pass in U.S. Senate

By Lisa Houtchens  
University News Editor

After the \$700 billion bailout bill was voted down in the House, the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index took a 777.68 point plunge.

President George W. Bush and his administration proposed the bailout for Wall Street to purchase the bad or troubled assets from financial lenders. Lenders such as Fanny Mae, Freddie Mack and AIG were taken over by the federal government to avoid economic failure.

The bill failed to pass Monday with a vote of 228-205.

After the bill failed the Dow dropped a record 777.68 points making the drop the biggest one-day point drop recorded.

History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Professor Richard Fulton said the market dropped because of the confidence Americans have in the financial institutions to safely house their money.

"The bailout is really an attempt to get at the problem," Fulton said. "Which is the bad loans for homes buying up the bad mortgages at a relatively cheap price."

Jason White, accounting, economics and finance assistant professor sees the drop in stock as a direct result of the failure of the bill in the house, but wasn't bad to hit a circuit breaker causing the stock market to close for 30 minutes.

"A 777 (point drop) in a day is bad, but not bad enough to even hit the first firewall," White said. "In terms of percentage of the Dow itself it is no where near the worst drop."

With the election coming up many representatives may have been wary with they way they voted on the bailout bill in the first

round, White said.

"What makes all of this even more challenging is that we are just over a month away from an election," White said. "For all of the house members and president as well."

Politically, House members were concerned with the way they voted in terms of how they would be perceived in their home districts come election time. White thinks politically vast majorities of people think a bailout in any form would be the right thing to do for the economy at this point in time, but some Congress members are voting against the bill solely because of political concerns, he said.

"I am disappointed, very disappointed in House Republicans in particular," White said. "They should have voted with the plan if they truly had the best interest of the country at heart as opposed to their own re-election."

When stocks opened early Tuesday morning, the Dow rallied to gain 485 points in hopes Congress would pass a new version of the bailout package.

At the open of Wednesday morning the Dow had dropped 119 points.

White is optimistic legislation is not complete on the bailout or financial rescue package.

As of press time the Senate had not yet made a decision on whether or not to pass the new legislation.

Two days after failing in the House, the Senate will vote on the bill, which now includes raising the FDIC insurance cap to \$250,000 and attaching revenue bill the house also rejected on Monday, according to CNN.

"The bill probably will pass," White said. "Because there has been added sweeteners like additional tax credits and things to attract potential voters."

EDUCATION

Certification program qualifies  
teachers for secondary education

By Katie Luers  
Chief Reporter

A new teacher certification process gives field professionals the opportunity to pass on their knowledge.

The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE), which began for Missouri in August, requires a candidate to hold a bachelor's degree, complete the ABCTE exam and finish 60 hours of classroom experience. This certification qualifies a teacher for secondary education, but does not certify for early childhood, elementary, or special education, according to the Missouri Elementary and Secondary Education Department.

The areas possible for certification include English, biology, chemistry, general studies, mathematics, physics, and U.S. or world history.

Maryville R-II School District intends to look at all candidates, including those with the new alternative certification, to find the best teacher for a position, Superintendent Vicki Miller said.

When a school in the Maryville Public School district opens a vacancy, a teacher usually gives notice of a resignation in February, March, or April, Miller said.

The school searches for a new candidate in the spring, posting the available position on common teacher web sites, Miller said.

Principals screen and interview the applicants, often with the help of a committee. The prospective teachers then meet with the superintendent and then the board of education makes the

final decision.

The application process includes providing credentials, recommendations, and transcripts.

Maryville High School principal Jason Eggers understands that this alternative certification option is very new.

It does provide more options in areas like mathematics and science, where teachers are harder to find, Eggers said.

The ABCTE helps teachers "meet the paperwork side" but puts pressure on the schools to make sure the applicants are qualified in all areas, Eggers said.

"The good thing is most schools work on that continuously," Eggers said.

While all applicants may apply, Miller is skeptical of the new certification.

"I'm not sure they'll be as prepared for the instructional part of teaching," Miller said.

While life experience is valuable, the education part can be more complicated, Miller said.

"A teacher needs to know how kids learn," Miller said.

This includes having a variety of teaching methods to fall back on for different students and their needs, Miller said.

Those teaching methods include understanding age, behavior and classroom management issues.

The school takes some of the responsibility to help the teachers develop these skills, Eggers said.

"The certification does open the door for someone who didn't know they wanted to teach," Eggers said.

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OUR VIEW

## Candidates provide more drama than real insight during opening debate

As far as presidential debates go, this first one was a riot. That's not saying much.

The side-by-side press conferences of yesterday had vanished, replaced by Debates 2.0. Jim Lehrer of PBS presented a question and each candidate gave a two minute response followed by a back and forth between the candidates, an opportunity to discuss and even ask the opposition questions.

It quickly became apparent, however, that debate structure is not the only thing standing in the way of a free and nonpolitical exchange of ideas. New debate structure, same old candidates.

Each candidate played to his stereotype with surprising regularity. Obama was youthful, smiling, articulate and thoughtful. McCain embraced his jolly grandfather image, appearing strong, yet comforting. Jim Lehrer played the crotchety English professor, a bit out of touch but funny as he attempted to get someone to forget politics and talk about what was really on his mind.

Code word of the night was "fundamental difference." Every other topic, one or the other of the candidates would explain he had a fundamentally different view from his opponent. These differences must not be too fundamental if they had to point them out every few minutes.

One great moment came when McCain mispronounced Ahmadinejad, the last name of the president of Iran. He goofed once, made a face as he goofed again, then got it right, repeating the word a little later in the sentence as though to reassure himself he'd got it right. The initial impulse to pounce on the error was eventually softened by the humor of the situation.

At least he knew he had made a mistake, which is more than we could expect from our current commander in chief. And besides, who hasn't stumbled over that gem of a name?

More amusing than any of this were the smiles the candidates wore and watching them slowly fade from good humor to forced congeniality. At several points the candidates themselves were clearly annoyed with the formalities.

Overall we found the formalities frustrating: the candidates, the moderator and especially the audience. Many have expressed skepticism regarding the debates, saying they're nothing but lies and empty promises.

While substantive debates are getting closer, debates in general too strongly resemble press events. This one in particular represented the lesser of two evils and made for a fairly amusing evening, at least for a political event.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 18 issue of the Missourian, the article "Local investors encouraged to wait during Wall Street woes" incorrectly states Accounting, Economics and Finance Assistant Professor Jason White manages the Northwest Foundation's investment portfolio.

White is a voting member on the foundation's board of directors but does not manage the organization's investments.

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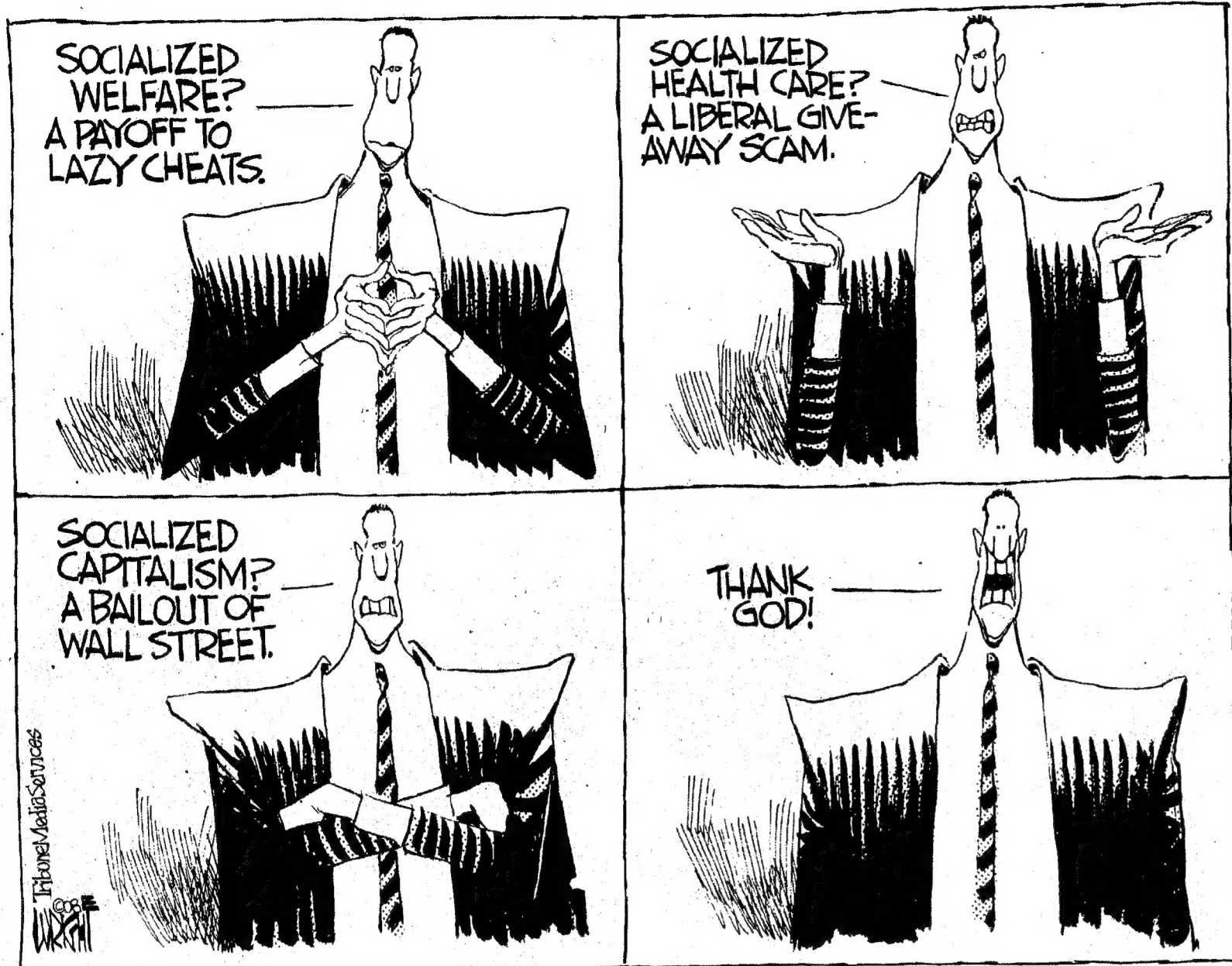
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# OPINION



MY VIEW

## Friends don't let friends argue about politics

You like Obama, but your friend likes McCain — will your political party differences tear your friendship apart?

People have stayed friends throughout the years with pals who have different voting ideas. In fact, some people even marry someone who holds different beliefs than they — haven't you ever heard of "opposites attract?"

The only problem is some people don't know when to stop, or what to say when it comes to political discussions with friends from the other side. My advice to you is to quit looking at it from a team per-



Rachel Fair  
Missouri Columnist

spective. Think of it as, "Well, my favorite color is green, but Suzie's is blue." Just because your friend believes or likes something different than you doesn't mean you shouldn't be friends.

Of course, politics is something quite different than favorite colors, but if you can't have a civil conversation with your friend about the candidates, then maybe you two shouldn't talk about it at all. I've

noticed that sometimes people just don't know when to shut up. Politics isn't something that should be discussed at the dinner table in mixed company, unless all variables are mature enough to handle what is thrown in.

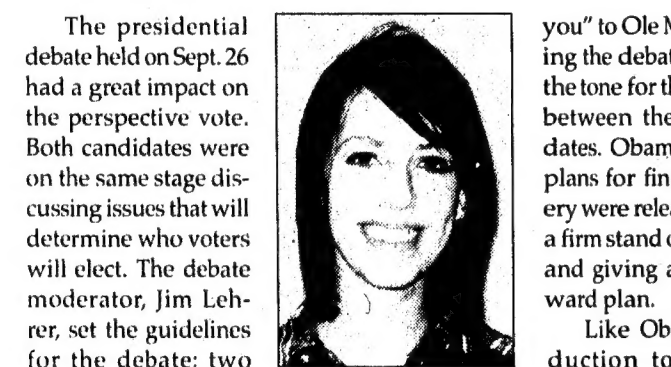
Also, remember when to back down. Even if you still believe you're right, there comes a point in time where you should take notice of and just say "You know what? I may not

believe you, but I see your point." It's as simple as that. Now, if you refuse to be friends with "the enemy" then that's all you. Some people may be like that. Others just don't speak of political or religious beliefs between friends until the friendship has grown strong enough to withstand those differences. In some cases, these trials don't even come up.

So, the next time you're hanging out with your buds and someone makes a remark about your candidate, remember, that's what they believe — it's not their faith they don't understand "the truth."

MY VIEW

## Round No. 1 brings out worst in both hopefuls



Darleen Denno  
Contributing Columnist

The presidential debate held on Sept. 26 had a great impact on the perspective vote. Both candidates were on the same stage discussing issues that will determine who voters will elect. The debate moderator, Jim Lehrer, set the guidelines for the debate: two minutes for opening statements, then five minutes to refute.

But these guidelines were hardly kept through the first question. The entire debate became unraveled as the candidates tried to tear each other apart.

After the coin was tossed, Obama's turn to speak on the financial recovery plan began. The opening "thank

you" to Ole Miss for hosting the debate did not set the tone for the exchanges between the two candidates. Obama's proposal plans for financial recovery were released; making a firm stand on the subject and giving a straightforward plan.

Like Obama's introduction to the topic, McCain opened thanking everyone, but lasted longer. He made a point to say that his plan is the "end of the beginning" concerning the financial crisis. No straightforward plan was given. McCain goes off topic, speaking of foreign oil.

Lehrer reined him back in, long after the two minute mark passed, and proceeded with the next segment.

During the rebuttal, Obama focused on how the financial crisis originated. His intentions seemed satisfactory; he does not want this crisis to reappear in the future. He neglected to share his solution to lead the nation out of this dilemma.

McCain started to stutter when Lehrer asked, "Are you going to vote for the plan, Sen. McCain?" Stumbling with his words, he said he would vote for the recovery plan. McCain mentions the origin of the problem — the "train wreck" of a financial crisis he saw coming during Bush's presidency.

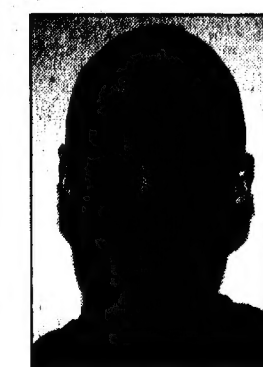
The tension between the two candidates escalated, that is until Lehrer eased it with asking them to talk to each other. McCain asked, "Did you think I couldn't hear him?" The audience stifled laughter. The interesting point is neither candidate spoke to each other voluntarily, rather to Lehrer. Neither wanted to hear what the other said. The opponents heard only false statements. No proactive banter occurred.

After the first segment had passed, the politeness and cordiality between McCain and Obama dissolved. Crockstalk was in abundance and condescending attitudes were apparent. The structured debate turned into a "shut up, no you shut up" fight between the two future leaders of the United States.

It is unfortunate that one of these slightly immature candidates will be running the United States. This debate brought the perception of two highly esteemed professionals down to mediocre incompetent politicians. Hopefully redemption will be found in later debates.

CAMPUS TALK

## What are your Fall Classic '08 plans?



Jimmy Griesbach  
English Speech Communication



Madison Marshall  
Statistics



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Jordan Tharp  
Pre-Chiropractic



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Deciding

"Hang out with some friends, tailgate a little bit, run some, and enjoy the game."

"I'll be running and not going to the game."

"A friend is coming down, and then we're going to go to the game."

"Sit with my friends and watch us dominate."

"Enjoy the game and have a good time watching us win."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 18

Jay P. Stumpf, 26, Spring Hills, Kan., excessive acceleration, 100 block of E. Halsey

Recovered property, bicycle, Judah Park  
Marcyanna J. A. Nielsen, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, improper registration, 400 block of S. Market

Sept. 20

Michael S. Brooks, 19, Parkville, Mo., minor in possession, open container, excessive acceleration, 600 block of S. Main

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 400 block of W. Ninth

Sept. 21

Devyn R. Samford, 18, St. Joseph, Mo., minor in possession, 500 block of W. Eighth

Haleigh M. Vest, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 600 block of N. Walnut

Rusty L. Hendricks, 22, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 1600 block of N. Grand

Justin J. Brodrick, 27, Quitman, Mo., driving while revoked, improper registration, 3100 block of E. First

Sept. 23

Lost/stolen property, ongoing investigation, 500 block of W. Eighth

Sept. 24

Stephanie A. Studier, 18, Maryville, dog at large, animal neglect/abandonment, 100 block of N. Davis

Rachel N. Sipes, 23, Maryville, failure to comply, careless and imprudent driving, 200 block of West Seventh

Sept. 25

Randall H. Pyfrom, 52, Kansas City, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 700 block of N. Main

Rachel A. Nelson, 30, Guilford, Mo., driving while limited, exceeding posted speed limit, 700 block of S. Market

Chad E. King, 18, St. Louis, possession of altered/fictitious license, under 19 in a bar, 300 block of N. Market

Sept. 26

Zachary M. Fischer, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, failure to obey a posted stop sign, 700 block of N. Buchanan

Sept. 27

Clay L. Mathers, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 600 block of S. Walnut

Jimmie J. Potter, 25, Dallas A. Carter, 28, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 1100 block of N. College

Sept. 28

Chance D. Nowling, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 100 block of W. Fourth

Clayton N. Parsons, 20, Maryville, assault on a police officer, simple assault, minor in possession, disorderly conduct, failure to comply, 600 block of E. Seventh

## PILOT: Rankin's office resembles museum dedicated to history of flight, complete with a pilot license signed by Orville Wright

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The family tradition at Maryville Municipal has continued. Today, it is operated by Rankin's son, Kevin.

Before they were wed, Rankin took Jo on dates in his plane, but only after Jo's father, who had flight experience of his own, supervised a flight to ensure that Rankin was a competent pilot. Rankin and Jo married in 1950.

"It gets confusing," Rankin said. "People call up and ask for Mr. Joe or Mrs. Jo, whichever one they want."

Shortly after taking charge of the Municipal Airport, the Rankins formed a partnership with Northwest to create an aviation course, which they still teach together. Jo teaches the ground portion of the class, which prepares students for the written exam required for a pilot's license, and Joe instructs the 10 hours of actual flight required for the course.

Enrollment for the class averaged at about 25 students in early years. Recently the numbers have dwindled to six or eight students most trimesters. This trimester, only one student enrolled in the course.

Jeremy Peeler took the course in fall 2007. Peeler was not a Northwest student, but said he wanted to learn to fly as a hobby. He still trains with Rankin, and said he is a good, relaxed instructor.

Jo agrees, having learned from "Mr. Joe" herself, just as their daughter and two sons did.

Rankin is "exceedingly patient," she said. In 1973, Rankin took over what is now Rankin Airport at 26842 Jet Road, east of Maryville. The airport was built to train pilots in preparation for World War II, Rankin said. The local chapter of the Civil Pilot Training Program was run by the State Teachers College, which is now Northwest.

Ed Schultz, a former Navy pilot who later died in combat, trained the "Flying Bearcats"

in basic flight, Rankin said. They received advanced training in California before leaving for the military.

Vernon Bowman, one of the trainees most eager for combat, joined the Canadian Air Force while the United States decided whether to participate in the war, and fought in the famous Battle of Britain.

There is more to the history of flight in the Maryville area than many people are aware of, Rankin said. Today, his office is a miniature museum devoted to the history of local flight. Pictures and newspaper clippings line the walls.

A picture of Air Force One was sent by Charlie Arms, who once flew then-Vice President George H.W. Bush. Arms took his first flight with Rankin. He regularly rode his bike to the airport to watch Rankin fly, until one day Rankin flipped open the door and made him an offer he couldn't refuse, Arms said.

"Want to come along?" Rankin said. The flight left a big impression on Arms, helping steer him toward a 24-year career in the Air Force, and 10 years with Southwest Airlines.

"He really has been a blessing to this community for these years," Arms said. On another wall of Rankin's office, a poster from Denny Sapp, another former student, depicts Sapp's time as part of the Blue Angels. The Blue Angels Web site describes them as a demonstration squadron which has performed stunts for more than 427,000,000 people since 1946.

Though never a Blue Angel, Rankin has seen his share of excitement in the cockpit.

One day, while preparing to land, a student asked "Are we supposed to have two shadows?"

Rankin pulled up, discovering another plane flying directly below them.

On another flight, an F-100 fighter jet flew less than 100 feet below Rankin's plane. It was close enough Rankin could see the pilot wore a red flight suit with a green visor on his helmet.

"You could describe flight as hours and hours of sheer boredom punctuated by stark terror," he said.

In recent years, Rankin received two awards from the Federal Aviation Administration honoring his achievements related to flight. In 2005, he was awarded the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award, recognizing more than 50 years in aviation maintenance. In May 2008, he received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, given to pilots who have achieved 50 years of safe flight.

Rankin recommends flight lessons for "anybody who wants to learn to fly. It just takes good common sense and a willingness to learn."

A private pilot's license requires 40 hours of flight, 20 of which must be with an instructor. Rankin says lessons usually cost around \$100 an hour.

The ground portion of Northwest's aviation course takes place at Maryville Municipal Airport on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Students pay tuition as well as \$230 for supplies. They must also pay for 10 hours of flight instruction, which count toward the requirements for a pilot's license.

The propeller slows as the Cessna nears the ground. The wheels touch down, kicking up dust from the gravel extension of the mostly concrete runway. Rankin coasts to a stop, climbs out of the cockpit and walks toward his house, which doubles as the airport's office. He gets a cold bottle of water from the refrigerator.

Tomorrow, he will fly again, probably more than once. After more than six decades of flight and countless contributions to aviation, local and beyond, Rankin sees no reason to stop now.

## CENSUS: REEP suggests construction of academic building

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so the room can be used for non-computer classes, he said. In addition, Northwest's use of a more centralized scheduling software helps with pairing classes with classrooms, regardless of subject or department, he said.

However, the REEP suggests the institution construct a new, general-purpose academic building, complete with 150 offices, 25 medium-sized classrooms and several lecture halls.

"It helps to have a campus that's not too large," Yang said. "But sooner or later we're going to have to put up a new academic building."

TECHNOLOGY

## Palin e-mail hacking incident serves as reminder that account break-ins are 'remarkably easy'

By Elise Ackerman  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. (MCT) — The hacker who infiltrated Sarah Palin's e-mail account last month may have intended to embarrass the Republican vice presidential candidate, but the prank also exposed one of the Internet industry's most uncomfortable secrets: It is remarkably easy for someone to break into your online e-mail account.

In a post on an online community bulletin board, the hacker, who called himself "Rubico," described how he broke into Palin's account at Yahoo by using an automated password recovery tool he asked for Palin's birthday, her zip code and where she met her spouse.

"It took seriously 45 mins on Wikipedia and Google to find the info," Rubico wrote. "Account recovery is a problematic area from a security perspective," said Michael Barrett, chief information security officer at PayPal. "The problem is if you make the process too weak then people can get in at will and if you

make it too strong then people can't recover their accounts."

Internet companies like Yahoo, Google and Microsoft, which own the biggest online mail services, don't disclose how often accounts are compromised but they acknowledge that it does happen.

"We know the bad guys are out there," said John Kremer, vice president of Yahoo Mail. "Every one is trying to figure out how to straddle the line between making an account recoverable and at the same time making it secure."

Kremer said the first line of defense is good consumer practices. He said users of Yahoo Mail should be careful when they set up their accounts not to choose security questions that can be answered through publicly available information.

But Markus Jakobsson, a principal scientist at the Palo Alto Research Center and security expert, said it is not fair for Internet companies to put the onus on the customer.

Jakobsson said ordinary people are running the same risks accessing their mail at companies like Yahoo

and Google and managing their 401(k)s at companies like Fidelity Investments because the systems for safeguarding accounts rely on information that can be found either online or through public records.

In a statement, Google said it takes security seriously and asks for information, such as someone's frequent flyer number, that isn't easy to find online. Google also notifies users if their account is open in another location.

Barrett, of PayPal, said the payment service, which is owned by eBay, employs different levels of security depending on whether someone has money in their PayPal account or has linked a bank account to their PayPal account.

In that case, a person may be required to fax over a copy of a driver's license or a passport to regain access to an account, he said.

But Jon Fisher, who sold an authentication services company to Oracle last year, said there is no bulletproof solution.

"The one-to-one attack, human being to human being, is very hard to defend against," he said.

OBITUARIES

Helen Marie Linebaugh

Helen Marie Linebaugh, 88, Maryville, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

Helen was born July 14, 1920, at Elmo, Mo. to James Pearson and Effie Florence (Archer) Richardson. Helen graduated from Elmo High School in 1938.

On Dec. 24, 1939, Helen was married to Raymond Samuel Linebaugh, by Reverend James Campbell at his home.

Helen was a member of the Pickering United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School for many years. She also served as a Delegate to the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held in Fayette, Mo. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Sunrise Jolly Mixers Club and the Domino Group.

She was preceded in death by: husband of 63 years, March 5, 2003; her parents, brothers Elmer Richardson and Paul Kenneth Richardson, a sister Ethel Leona Richardson, an infant son Bobby Joe Linebaugh, and son in law David Judd.

She is survived by: daughters Juliana Rae Judd of Pickering, Mo., and Joy Lyn Melvin and husband Rob of Algona, Iowa, eleven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, many nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of wonderful friends.

Her funeral service was Tuesday, Sept. 2, Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens Maryville, Missouri.

Memorial may be made to the Pickering United Methodist Church.

Patricia Sue Carmichael

Patricia Sue Carmichael, 62, Maryville, Missouri, died Saturday, August 30, 2008, at home in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 4, 1946, in Maryville to Raymond and Bunny (Gray) Corwin.

Pat married James Williams Carmichael on Jan. 19, 1963, in Hopkins, Mo.

She was a member of the Hopkins Baptist Church. She was also active with the Northwest Missouri Special Olympics and was an avid golfer and bowler.

Pat was an employee of the Maryville Hy-Vee Food Store, having worked as a cashier and in the receiving department.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband James Williams Carmichael (June 14, 1997) and sister Joanne Peve.

She is survived by two sons, Brent Carmichael and wife, Janet, Crestwood, Ky. and Scott Carmichael, Cumming, Ga.; three grandchildren, Caleb, Amber and Addie Carmichael, sister Beverly Davidson, Lakeport, Calif. and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was Sept. 3, at Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

Burial was in Hopkins Cemetery, Hopkins, Mo.

Memorials may be made to the Northwest Missouri Special Olympics.

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STUDY ABROAD

# Magellan faculty visit campus

By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

For the first time, instructors for the Magellan Exchange Program attended the Northwest Study Abroad Fair Monday.

The visit included eight visiting professors from the Magellan Exchange Program, which is one of the seven Northwest study abroad programs.

Delegates came from Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, Study Abroad Graduate Assistant Stephanie Desouza said.

The delegates visited Northwest to observe and talk to University officials and instructors before they recommend their students attending. Marketing and Management Department Chair Chi Lo Lim said.

"Based on feedback we received, the Magellan delegates appeared to be impressed with Northwest faculty and students," Lim said. "They were enthusiastic about sending more students to Northwest."

The delegates attended the fair to gain insight about the Magellan Exchange Program.

Preparation for the fair began in the summer. Advertisements promoting the fair began the first week of classes, Desouza said.

The fair usually takes place during the fall and the spring, but now it will only take place in the fall, Desouza said.

"We have learned that the fair is more effective in the fall, so we decided to focus on making the one in the fall bigger and better than having two separate fairs," Desouza said.

It promoted the Study Abroad program, and was used to get the program out to University students, Desouza said. Another way to promote Study Abroad

is through information sessions and Freshman Seminar classes.

"We chose this time of year for the Study Abroad fair to coordinate with the visitors from Europe," Desouza said.

Lim said studying abroad is important, especially for business majors, because their careers will be influenced by events taking place around the world.

"In the globalized world that we live in today, an international experience is extremely important," Lim said. "Almost everything that we come into contact with has an international component to it."

Studying abroad is just another step to understand what is going on in the world, Lim said. Having experiences while studying abroad is one of the most important concepts for a business major. International trade is the norm.

"It does not matter if you are interested in retail, or restaurant, or commodity business, you will be doing business with someone from other parts of the world," Lim said.

Lim taught in London for the Missouri-London Program, one of the study abroad programs offered through the University.

While teaching abroad, Lim visited many castles and many other places.

"I absolutely enjoyed teaching overseas, as the environment offers an opportunity to broaden students' perspective as we live in a different country and everything that we see are can serve as a foundation for new learning and knowledge," Lim said.

Most students who study abroad learn more than sitting in a classroom reading about what went on, Lim said. When studying abroad, they normally visit the places where events happened.



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STUDENT AIDES AND faculty educate students who are interested in studying abroad through Northwest, at the Study Abroad Fair Monday at the Union.

"All the students who went abroad realized that a solid education serves as a foundation to see the world in a broader perspective," Lim said. "An international experience provides them with a world of wealth that cannot be captured in the pages of any textbooks."

The deadline to study abroad in the spring has passed, but to study next summer or next fall, the deadline is March 10, except for the International

Student Exchange Program, which the deadline is Jan. 29, Desouza said.

Studying abroad is not that expensive, Desouza said.

"A lot of students are under the misconception that studying abroad is expensive," Desouza said. "We work with the student to find a destination without their budget."

## CORWIN: Program free

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and likes to attend programs like Corwin's to educate herself.

"As an international student, I do not know much about the American television shows or their form of entertainment," Tuuguu said. "We do not know much about people like Jeff Corwin, but we go to programs like this to learn about the life of Americans and the American culture."

Other students are excited about Corwin coming to campus. Sophomore Alex Gooden is going because he is an avid fan of the show and want to see the animals.

"The show is exciting because you get to see many exciting creatures from around the world," Gooden said. "I hope to see animals from around the world and learn about the safety of handling the animals."

Some students are nervous about the animals that Corwin might have at the lecture.

Miller is nervous because he does not know what animals Corwin will bring for the presentation.

"I am nervous of snakes, so that's the only thing I am nervous about," Miller said.

"Other than that, I am super excited to get to campus and actually meet someone who has worked so hard to be where he is today."

Corwin is the host of Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin experience" and he acts as executive producer of "Corwin's Quest." He recently released his first book, "Living on the Edge: Amazing Relationships in the Natural World."

He earned a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries conservation from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and he was awarded an honorary doctorate in public education from Bridgewater State College.

Corwin is one of the many exciting shows SAC has to offer this year.

Watson said he believes SAC has stepped it up this year and continues to get better.

"Last year was a really great year for SAC, and this year has started off even better," Watson said. "All I have to say is be prepared for this year's events."

The show is free and open to the public. Anyone who comes to the lecture will have a chance to win two tickets to the Henry Doorley Zoo in Omaha, Neb.

## ACADEMICS

# Students get ready for big tests

By Austin Buckner  
Missourian Reporter

For some Northwest students, 600 and 235 are more than numbers. It's their future.

Education majors are preparing themselves for the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination, a required test which grants access into the Northwest College of Education and Human Services.

Future graduate students are preparing for the Graduate Record Examination, a required test which permits access into graduate school.

Many aspiring teachers are currently preparing for the C-BASE test. Some have already taken the test. One

of those students is Mallory Smith, a sophomore majoring in elementary education.

"I took the test earlier this month," Smith said. "My roommate and I sat down and studied for about an hour a week. The questions are pretty general knowledge stuff." Smith said the C-BASE study packets were helpful. These packets can be obtained at the Talent Development Center in the Administration building.

The score requirements for the C-BASE test are different than the GRE test. According to the Professional Education Handbook, found on the Northwest Web Site, students who scored a 20 ACT composite must score at least 265 on three of the five

sub-sections of the test.

They must also score at least 235 on the remaining two sub-sections. Students who scored a 21 or higher ACT composite must score at least 235 on all sub-sections of the test. These sections include writing, English, math, social studies and science.

Megan Koranda, a senior psychology major, explained her testing preparation process. Koranda purchased one of many study guides available for the GRE test.

She said the books provide study material, practice questions and allow students to get a feel for the test format. These study guides can be found anywhere from Wal-Mart to the Bearcat

Bookstore.

The GRE consists of two sections: a math section and a verbal section. Different schools have different score requirement. According to study packets from the testing office, the average, required, minimal passing score is a combined score of both sections equaling 500 to 600.

This year's first C-BASE testing took place on Sept. 20. Future testing will take place at 8 a.m. on Dec. 20, Jan. 31, March 28 and June 20. All tests take place at Colden Hall. GRE testing will take place at 8 a.m. on both Oct. 10 and Nov. 8 at Colden Hall.

For more information about these tests, contact the Wellness Center at 562-1220.



Above: Jeanette and Dave Barcus began Herbs 'n' Whey after reading "Sugar Blues."

The Barcuses operated their business out of their home in Clearmont before opening a store in Maryville.

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# The natural Life

Husband and wife make a living selling heart-healthy products

Dominic Genetti  
Project Manager

For some, a book is a gateway to imagination, but for Dave and Jeanette Barcus, a book changed their lives.

Like many Americans, the Barcuses didn't put much thought into the quality of their diet until Jeanette picked up a copy of "Sugar Blues," a best-seller by William Duffy on the unhealthy effects of sugar.

"It got us thinking again," Jeanette said. "I thought it was great if we could just do something natural to be healthy."

An interest at first, being healthy eventually became not only a lifestyle, but a business.

Dave and Jeanette own Herbs 'n' Whey on North Main Street near the edge of Maryville. The couple thrives on selling natural products that benefit the human body. Many items are alternatives to medicine.

"If you work with your body and give it the right nutrients, then your body could heal itself," Jeanette said. "You want to stay away from pesticides and herbicides."

Jeanette started the business in their home outside of Clearmont. She was a housewife and Dave operated an auto service station. In the beginning, he didn't know what to think of his wife's new hobby.

"When she got into this book, I thought she went kind of 'dingie' on me," Dave said circulating his finger near his ear and snow white sideburn.

"I thought she went bonkers." Dinner for the 6 foot, 5 inch 52-year-old, used to be meat and potatoes.

"That was every meal," he said. All of a sudden, dinner was vegetables and organic meats with less bad fats and fewer sweets.

"Good grief," Dave thought to himself.

Things changed though. Dave was diagnosed with heavy metal toxicity, a disease linked to an overexposure of metals like arsenic and lead.

"I had lost over 80 pounds, no energy, no strength," he said. "I acted in my 30s like I was in my 90s." Even little things were a challenge. Dave suffered from weak shakes and exhaustion after he would use the stairs. He knew it was time to make a change.

"To learn that one Snickers bar would lower your immune system in half in five hours was just shocking to me," he said.

In three weeks, Dave was regaining strength along with knowledge of a healthy diet.

"I used to eat huge amounts of meat," Dave said. "Now it's meat thrown in with the vegetables."

Since pulling a complete turnaround, Dave became a naturopathic doctor, which allows him to give diagnostic tests and advise customers on the best products.

"God created our bodies to heal themselves, it's important that we understand; just like a carpenter going to build a building, you have to send him some building materials or some tools or the new house isn't gonna happen, Dave said.

"Anything that's prepackaged (is) usually not that good for you, and that's the way Americans eat."

The Barcuses opened their Maryville location in 1997 and Jeanette says business has grown through word of mouth.

As for Dave, if it wasn't for his wife stumbling on Duffy's book, there wouldn't even be a life to live.

"Probably the way we were headed, with all the health issues we had, we wouldn't even be here."

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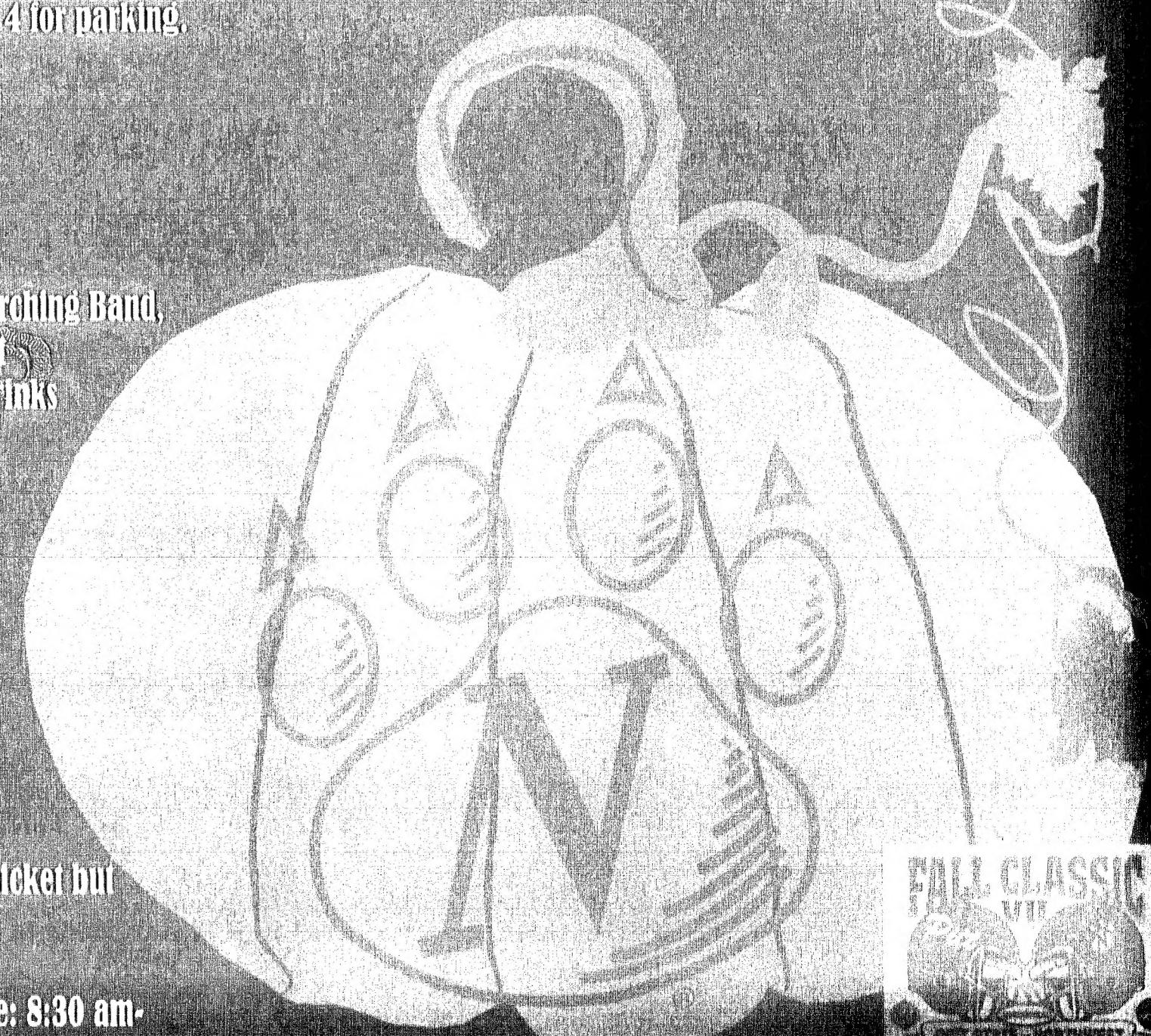
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## Top 4 picks

By Stacie Zika  
Missourian reporter

■ New to theaters- "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist," starring Michael Cera ("Juno") and Kat Dennings ("The House Bunny") comes out in theaters tomorrow. Cera plays heart-broken Nick, who is unsuccessfully trying to get over his ex. Dennings plays Nora, who Nick ask to pose as his girlfriend for just five minutes.

Nick and Nora's pretend relationship unravels a chain of crazy events that includes running around New York City and searching for a drunken best friend. This movie should provide a fun, light-hearted adventure with lots of laughs along the way.



■ Also new to CD- Jack's Mannequin released "The Glass Passenger" on Tuesday. The album was the sophomore CD release for the group.

Group member Andrew McMahon's battle with leukemia inspired many of the songs on the new album. His personal struggle adds much depth to the album and its lyrics. Some of the lyrics reflect the negative aspects such as in the song "Caves" it says, "We're not gonna lie. Son, you just might die. Get you on that morphine drip."

Other songs, such as "The Resolution," focus on the recovery process with lyrics such as "Yeah I'm alive, but I don't need a victory to know that I've survived."

Although the album was shaped by Andrew's experience, the songs still have a relatable quality. This album is a must have for all Jack's Mannequin fans.

The group will be performing at the Sokol Underground in Omaha, Neb. on Nov. 6.

■ New to DVD- "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" hit stores Tuesday.

Jason Segal ("Knocked-Up") plays the leading man, Peter Bretter who is trying to escape the pain from his recent break up with actress Sarah Marshall (played by Kristen Bell "Gossip Girl").

Peter goes to Hawaii in hopes of doing exactly what the movie title suggests- forgetting Sarah. Peter has no such luck, seeing as Sarah is in Hawaii also, but with her new rocker boyfriend (Russell Brand). Peter makes crazy new friends who try to help him get over Sarah.

Fans of "Knocked-up" and "40 Year Old Virgin" will definitely appreciate this witty and clever comedy.

■ New season on TV- "The Ex List" premieres this Friday on CBS at 9 p.m. The show stars Elizabeth Reaser, who played Rebecca on "Grey's Anatomy."

Reaser plays the main character of Bella Bloom, a beautiful 30-something who feels like her blessed life is missing something. That something happens to be a husband. Bella, in desperation, consults a psychic about her problem. The psychic informs Bella not only has she already met the man she is suppose to marry, but she has already dated him. This sends Bella on a search through her past and through a long list of exes.

"The Ex List" may prove to be a great show to sit around and watch with your friends and enjoy a few good laughs.

### STROLLER

## Your Man wants to get along

There are many beautiful things on the Northwest campus Your Man enjoys on his leisurely strolls.

The landscaping, lovely architecture, even those rambunctious squirrels that mosey around.

The campus parking situation, not so much.

Your Man didn't have too big of a problem with the way student parking was handled until he recently overheard a student talking about how they were issued a ticket for parking behind the Campus Safety building.

As it turns out, the area that the student was parked in has a fancy metal sign that reads "parking permit required."

It doesn't specify whether the permit required was a commuter permit, resident, faculty or staff - just a permit.

So, in regards to this student, and many other students, he wants to know why Campus Safety felt it was legitimate to issue a ticket to a vehicle with a Forest Village Apartments parking permit. From what I understand, the apartments constitute as on-campus housing, therefore making the student a resident.

The issue of this lovely ticket (and many others) was ridiculous and it seems like tickets are being handed out like early Halloween candy.

This is not a treat Your Man enjoys.

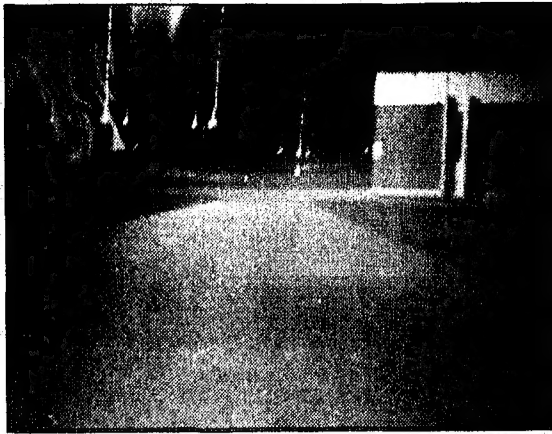
If that nice, gravel lot is so sacred, why isn't there a more specific sign designating who can and cannot park there? Or maybe Campus Safety should make a special permit for lots with similar signs to enforce their crazy procedures.

I kind of feel bad for the Forest Village residents. I understand they are on campus and their walk to most buildings isn't a ridiculously long trek, but why are they only "allowed" to park in the lot right outside their building? All the other residents with their snazzy green parking permits have the option of parking in approximately 17 different lots, so what makes Forest Village residents any different? It's actually quite sad.

What really bothers me about this whole designated parking business is the fact that our entire lives, we have been taught to "love thy neighbor," to get along with everyone around us. Now, why can't this hold true when it comes to parking spaces on campus?

Why can't the faculty share their lots behind the buildings with students? Why can't residents and commuters all get along?

The way I see it, parking spots should be



The Stroller

available on a first come, first serve basis. If a commuter takes the initiative to get out of bed in time to make it to class decently early, they should be rewarded with a decent parking spot. There is nothing more ridiculous than having a class in Colden and having to park in the parking lots on College Drive.

Or what about those lazy students who roll out of bed five minutes before class and can't find anywhere to park? I understand they pulled an irresponsible move and didn't get up in enough time to make it from one side of campus to the other, but at least they did do something responsible by getting out of bed and attempting to make it to class. If they have to walk six freaking miles to class, they most likely aren't going to be on time, causing them to potentially miss crucial information.

Your Man believes if faculty would just share their nice, close lots, attendance would sky rocket.

From day one, our parents have told us to share and be generous.

So come on, Campus Safety, Northwest faculty and students who drive to class - let us work together to end this discrimination.

Let us forget the gap between the green, blue, black and orange parking permits and live harmoniously on this fine campus and end the lunacy of ticket-giving before Your Man and Northwest students go broke from all of those silly \$20 tickets.

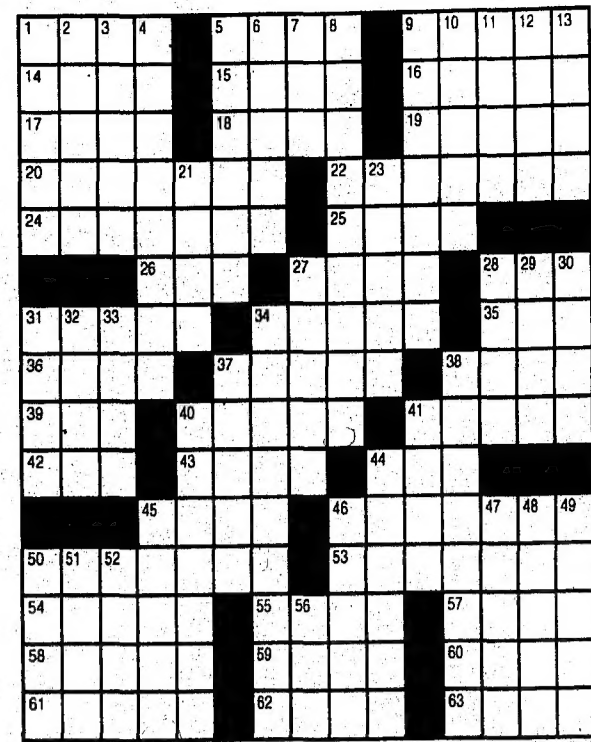
The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

## Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Somewhat moist
- 5 Ancient Briton
- 9 France's longest river
- 14 Borodin's prince
- 15 Declare
- 16 Rowed the boat
- 17 Evil
- 18 Allot
- 19 By means of
- 20 Senior
- 22 General pardon
- 24 Grabbily
- 25 Drops
- 26 Tax letters
- 27 Certain
- 28 Say more
- 31 Combine
- 34 Strongholds
- 35 Soil turner
- 36 Fabled canal
- 37 Trickery
- 38 Medieval peon
- 39 In days past
- 40 Kitchen implement
- 41 Midsection, informally
- 42 Plaid section
- 43 Mine finds
- 44 Nurse, as a drink
- 45 Huff and puff
- 46 Siberian plains
- 50 More crude
- 53 Deluge
- 54 Distribute
- 55 Unbarred
- 57 Relax
- 58 Shifting utensil
- 59 Fairy-tale creature
- 60 Pond cover
- 61 Watered, as a lawn
- 62 Enthusiasts
- 63 Females of the species

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### Solutions

ACROSS  
1. Damp  
5. Roman  
9. Rhone  
14. Prince  
15. Proclaim  
16. Canoe  
17. Evil  
18. Allot  
19. By means of  
20. Senior  
22. General pardon  
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DOWN  
1. Gaffer's gauge  
2. Nimble  
3. Hollow forms  
4. Level of esteem  
5. Dromedaries, e.g.  
6. Once in a while  
7. Give permission to  
8. Money man  
9. Passes time indolently  
10. Desert stopovers  
11. Eye structure  
12. Tenant's payment  
13. All nerves  
21. Michelin product  
23. Trading places  
27. Parts of shoes  
28. Attention getter  
29. College residence  
30. Resist  
31. Repeat  
32. Cogito... sum  
33. Wild time  
34. Protected from a certain danger  
37. Less favorable  
38. Put down by force  
40. Slid using gravity  
41. Wedding cake layer  
44. Rocks  
45. Stand of trees  
46. Severe purchases  
47. Georgia fruit  
48. Follow  
49. Plant parts  
50. Liquid assets  
51. Miscellany  
52. Pub  
53. Org. of Toms and Tiger

### MHS GOLF



SENIOR AMY VAN DE VEN watches a putt roll toward the cup during the Maryville Tournament Wednesday. The tournament is a warm-up for district play Oct. 8.

## Districts loom after girls host Mozingo Lake tournament

By Marcus Meade  
Sports Editor

With districts on the horizon, the Maryville girls' golf team hopes they don't see a repeat of their Tuesday night performance again.

"I'm just a little bit disappointed," coach Brenda Ricks said. "Chillicothe, we knew was going to be tough, but Cameron we should have beat."

The Spoofhounds dropped the meet to both the Dragons and the Hornets, shooting a 229 as a team. Chillicothe and Cameron shot a 182 and a 217, respectively.

Shannon McClellan topped the 'Hound's scoring list with a 53 while Brooke Byland came in with a 54. Perpetual leader Amy Van de Ven shot a 56.

"My teebox and fairway shots were not very good," Van de Ven said. "I don't know if it was because I just got some new clubs or what."

Van de Ven also found the unfamiliar course a challenge as every twist and turn hurt scores.

"On this course, there were a lot of weird turns and ponds and ditches," Van de Ven said. "So, you just have to know where to land the ball."

The loss, though disappointing, didn't upset Ricks too much. She saw her team's performance as a one-time collection of bad days.

Ricks hopes her squad can keep progressing toward a district championship. To obtain their goal, McClellan thinks each team member must start shooting under the 100 mark on 18 holes.

Multiple marks under 100 would give the team a chance to compensate for someone having a bad day, McClellan said.

Districts begin for the 'Hounds Oct. 8 and take place at Mozingo Lake Golf Course. Ricks expects her girls to use the home course advantage by playing as often as possible on the weekends, an opportunity they've already taken, she said.

"It can happen," Ricks said of a golfer having a bad day. "It just happened all in one day. I'm just glad we got that day out of the way."

### MHS SOCCER

# Warrior woes

By Jason Lawrence  
Missourian Reporter

It was a busy day for senior Spoofhound goalkeeper Christian Falcone at Donaldson-Westside Park.

Falcone set a school record with 36 saves, but also allowed 10 goals to the Smithville Warriors. Coach Stuart Collins was still pleased with his performance.

"Christian really put himself out there and was very aggressive," Collins said.

Despite Falcone's efforts, the Spoofhounds fell to Smithville 10-1.

Falcone really didn't think about the record and didn't know he was close, but once he got it and found out about it, it made him feel pretty good, he said.

Smithville struck first, scoring 15 minutes into the game. Less than a minute later, Jon Rogers answered with a goal for the 'Hounds. Senior John Morton felt pretty good about the game after Rogers scored.

"We were playing pretty good at the beginning," Morton said. "I thought it was going to be a close game."

Smithville followed with another goal and proceeded to score a fourth goal in the closing minutes of the first half.

The fast-paced first half really fit his team's style of play, Collins said.

"We did a lot of one touches in the first half and really played our game," Collins said.

Smithville took control of the second half despite the 'Hounds efforts. The Warriors scored six unanswered goals to put the game away.

Collins felt his teams' youth hurt them in the second half.

"Our youth really showed in the second half, we have some talent, just not the two or three years of mental toughness," Collins said. "We had a hard time adjusting to playing against mostly upperclassmen."

Despite the difficulties, some good things still came from the game, Collins said.

"I want to impress on the boys to keep playing our game, and that we had success when playing our game," Collins said. "It was when we played the



DEFENDER BRIAN SNEAD dives the ball downfield against the Smithville Warriors Tuesday. The Spoofhounds managed one goal against the Warriors in a 10-1 loss.

other teams' game that we were defeated."

Both Falcone and Morton are optimistic about the remainder of the season. They think the team can win most, if not all, of its remaining games.

This loss stops the 'Hounds' four game winning streak and drops their record to 7-6 on the season with nine games remaining. Their next game will be at 4:30 p.m. tonight in St. Joseph against Bishop LeBlond.

### NW CROSS COUNTRY

# Men make Griak work

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

The Northwest men's cross-country team begins to live up to their potential as the women head to Cowboy Jamboree.

The men's team scored 288 points to finish 11th at the 23rd annual Roy Griak Invitational in Falcon Heights, Minn.

The 11th place finish was the highest the Bearcats have placed since record keeping began in 2001.

Freshman Zach Layton led the 'Cats for the second consecutive week. Layton's time of 26:29.3 beat his previous best eight-kilometer time, established a week earlier at the Woody Greeno

Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. by 10.3 seconds.

Layton rallied from 51st place at the three-kilometer mark to finish 27th overall.

"He is really just competing up to his potential," Northwest head coach Scott Lorek said. "He's doing what he's supposed to be doing and not being intimidated."

Junior Trevor Johannsen also ran his fastest eight-kilometer of the year, finishing in 26:49.9. He placed 46th.

Johannsen and Layton set their new personal bests on a tough course littered with hills, Lorek said.

After finishing 84th at the Woody Greeno Invitational, junior Ben Chap-

pell finished 22 places higher at Roy Griak on Saturday.

"He ran very, very strongly, especially at the end of the race," Lorek said. "I think he's capable of doing better. At Woody Greeno he didn't have a very good race, but he came through for us at the Minnesota meet."

Of the 19 runners listed on the roster, 13 are freshmen or sophomores who are still bonding and maturing as team, but Lorek wishes he had a couple more experienced runners in the mix.

"It's really coming together well," Lorek said. "We've got Dan Pescador and T.R. Pursell too. We're doing well, but those are two good runners that will help us, and we really need them

back in there. I think this weekend we started to see where we can go and what they can do."

After a week off, the women's team travels to Stillwater Okla. for the Cowboy Jamboree this weekend.

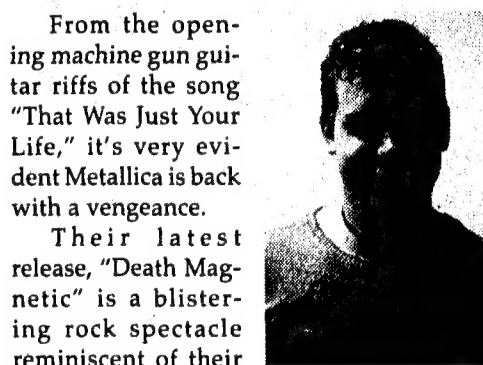
They also get two runners back from injury; freshmen Angela Adams and Brittany Poole will return this weekend for the Jamboree.

The last time Northwest ran in the Cowboy Jamboree was in 2004. They finished fourth out of 17 teams in the five-kilometer run, and Karah Spader led the 'Cats with a 13th place finish, and a time of 19:45.

This year's race begins at 8 a.m. Saturday.

### REVIEW

## 'Death Magnetic' shows Metallica is still very much alive



Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

From the opening machine gun guitar riffs of the song "That Was Just Your Life," it's very evident Metallica is back with a vengeance.

Their latest release, "Death Magnetic" is a blistering rock spectacle reminiscent of their albums from the early '80s. Gone is the flashy alternative-tinged Metallica.

They are back to the winning ways that made them the hardest band on the planet.

After suffering from alcohol abuse and the rigors of the road for many years, Metallica sobered up and returned in 2003 to a mixed reception with "St. Anger." Many were still waiting for Metallica's definitive comeback and they have it in 2008 with "Death Magnetic."

From looking at the album

credits alone, I could tell this album was going to be amazing. The band recruited one of the most successful producers in the music business, Rick Rubin. He was the mastermind of the Beastie Boys and has worked with some of the most successful bands in rock including the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Rage Against The Machine.

This great production is evident on the first single "The Day That Never Comes." Just like "One" from "...And Justice For All," this song starts from a slow somber ballad turns into a hard-rocking Metallica standard.

This formula was also used on "The Unforgiven III." For this track and just like the two previous "Unforgiven," Metallica threw fast tempo out the window

in favor of melody. I was a little skeptical that they would go back to old songs for the basis of a new one, but it has proven to be for the best.

This is a rare sound heard on this new album as the rest of the songs are cruising well above the speed limit. Most obvious is this in the appropriately titled "My Apocalypse" which is used to end the journey of "Death Magnetic."

Lead guitarist Kirk Hammett returned in this album. I don't mean returned to the band, but returned to guitar solos. On the band's last release, 2003's "St. Anger," Kirk Hammett unhooked his volume boost pedal in favor of a minimalist sound.

Obviously this was just a passing phase, because on this new album, Hammett literally cranked it up to eleven and didn't hold back. He has once again shown that he is a virtuoso in his instrument as well as being worthy to be

in the hardest band alive.

This is a stellar improvement from "St. Anger" and is the best album they have put out since their 1991 masterpiece "The Black Album." A year ago, many were figuring Metallica would soon be

put on classic rock radio stations because their better days were behind them. However, an hour and fourteen minutes after listening to this, you will realize Metallica is not dead despite what the album title says.

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## FOOTBALL: Rushing attack cornerstone of offense for Pittsburg and Northwest

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determined to win by playing more physically than the Gorrilas, quarterback Joel Osborn said.

Osborn also pointed out the importance of adapting to take advantage of Pittsburg State's weaknesses.

"It depends on how many guys they put in the box against us," Osborn said. "If they've got eight guys up in the box, stopping the run, obviously, we're going to have to throw the ball. I think it's kind of 'pick your poison.'"

"The 'Cats are having success this season running the football with their own rushing combo of running backs LaRon Council and Sheldon Cook. Together, they've rushed for 693 yards and 14 touchdowns.

But Northwest's balanced offensive scheme allows Osborn to get in on the fun also. He's spent this season spreading the love to 12 different receivers to the tune of 1,203 yards, 10 touchdowns and three interceptions.

The seventh installment of the Fall Classic at Arrowhead begins at 5 p.m. Saturday in Kansas City.

### NW GOLF

## Young program hosts fall golf tournament

By Jesse Murphy  
Missourian Reporter

The only chance to see women's Bearcat golf this fall is this week, as Mozingo Lake Golf Course plays host to a tournament today and tomorrow.

The Bearcat Fall Women's Golf Classic is the only one Northwest will host this season. Nine teams will be attending, with roughly 50 players.

Team captain Jessica Feuerbach, a sophomore, is looking forward to the competition.

"We are bringing in some quality teams this year," Feuerbach said. "We want to have a good showing at home and use this as a stepping stone. I'd like to keep doing better in our performances and focusing on our strengths."

The fall part of the season is called the non-championship segment. While not having a declared winner, it does count towards rankings for the spring season.

This makes these tournaments every bit as important as the spring.

Two tournaments have been played so far, with two more to go after the event at Mozingo today.

Coach Patrick McLaughlin knows the impor-

ance, even though the actual competition hasn't started yet.

"We have a young team, all freshmen and sophomores," McLaughlin said. "The more you place, the tougher you get. We need to continue to improve; we will be facing difficult competitors."

Among that competition is Nebraska-Omaha, a team that is new to the MIAA and nationally ranked.

Even though the team is young, freshman Megan Chaney is excited for the challenge.

"I'm nervous and excited at the same time," Chaney said. "It's hard knowing that the more experienced players aren't bothered at all. But, I know we will come together as a team. We listen to and encourage each other."

The NCAA ordinates require 24 total days of competition, consisting of five two-day tournaments in the fall, and the rest in the spring that constitutes the actual season.

The shotgun start today means groups of players begin at different holes then progress through the rest of the course. This keeps things flowing and action to watch at every hole.

Play starts at 1 p.m. today and 9 a.m. tomorrow at Mozingo Lake Golf Course.



file photo  
SARAH HAYES will help the Bearcats during their only home tournament of the year this weekend. Hayes is a sophomore from Maryville.



## Why we love those who make us cry

The relationship between a sports fan and their team is a very complex thing. My criminal justice professor said an abused spouse returns to their abuser eight times, on average, before leaving them. The sad thing is sports fans can get abused over and over again by the teams they love, and will keep going back. In the case of all the Cubs fans out there, it's been 100 years of a one-sided love affair.

I spent the weekend with that horrible feeling in the pit of my stomach. You know, the feeling like your dog just died. If any of you are



Brian Boswell  
University Sports Editor

Mets fans, you know exactly what feeling I'm talking about.

With one game left in a 162-game season, the Mets for the second year in a row were in control of their own destiny. A win would have forced a one game series with Milwaukee, with the winner heading to the playoffs. I wouldn't

allow myself to even believe the Mets could lose knowing this could possibly be the last game ever played in Shea Stadium and with the horrific memory of last year's eerily similar collapse in the back

of their minds.

I was wrong. They did lose, and I literally felt like the Mets had died to me all season long. Allowing me to think we actually had a chance at the playoffs is the cruelest thing they could have done to me. Then I asked myself why; why do I put myself through this? I am not even from New York.

Then I thought about why I love this team. New York was a team my father loved growing up, and his love for the team was genetically passed down to me. It is a bond we share, the team has brought us many good and bad memories. I love the team because of that feeling I get when I see another person from the Midwest walking down the street with a

Mets hat on. It is like an unknown brotherhood.

No matter how many years New York's bullpen gives away another playoff opportunity, there is always going to be a couple of those Carlos Delgado grand slams, Jose Reyes bunt singles or Johan Santana's complete-game shutouts that give me those butterflies in my stomach to make me feel like a kid again.

Whenever my girlfriend asks me why I care so much about a team that doesn't even know I exist, I always give her a line from "Fever Pitch," a Jimmy Fallon movie any sports fan should see.

"It's good for your soul to give yourself completely to something you have no control over."

### WHAT TO WATCH

#### Marc's TV picks

**Friday**  
•Chillicothe at Maryville, LIVE, 7 p.m. — It's a short drive out to the high school to watch two great football programs duke it out.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**



**Saturday**  
•Pittsburg State at Northwest, LIVE, 5 p.m. — I'm on a watching live games kick. Another great MIAA matchup for anyone who likes to party.

**Days rating (5 of 5)**



#### Brian's TV picks

**Friday**  
•The Faculty, TMC, 10:10 p.m. — High school students try to take down their faculty that turned alien. What's not to like?

**Days rating (3 of 5)**



**Saturday**  
•Missouri at Nebraska, ESPN, 8 p.m. — Last year NU would have quit after getting behind, but last week they fought back. Plus, after the bashing MU put on NU last year the 'Skers are out for revenge.

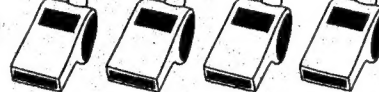
**Days rating (5 of 5)**



#### Woody's TV picks

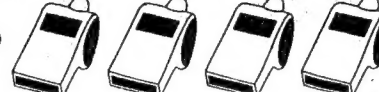
**Friday**  
•Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Angels, TBS, 8:30 p.m. — The MLB playoffs are here. Watch this divisional game two and wait for the "Can Boston win in the playoffs without Manny?" discussion to begin.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**



**Saturday**  
•Tommy Boy, Comedy Central, 6 p.m. — "You can get a good look at a t-bone by sticking your head ... no ... wait, it's got to be your bull."

**Days rating (5 of 5)**



#### Dustin's TV picks

**Friday**  
•Phillies at Brewers, TBS, 5:30 p.m. — It's the third game of the National League Divisional Series and I want to see if the Brewers can win a game that C. C. Sabathia doesn't throw a complete game.

**Days ratings (4 of 5)**



**Saturday**  
•Auburn at Vanderbilt, ESPN, 5:00 p.m. — This is another great SEC matchup this week with underachieving Auburn and surprise top 25 team Vandy.

**Days rating (3 of 5)**



### SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

#### Marc's picks

**Prediction record (9-10)**

##### NCAA Lock

Indiana at Minnesota — Minn. I have a new strategy for picking locks: pick against the Hoosiers. Last week, Michigan State took them down for me. This week, the Gophers are gold, baby.

##### NCAA Upset

Navy at Air Force — Navy If the Midshipman can take down Wake Forest, I hope they can take down Air Force. I love watching Academy games because their players actually care about things like discipline, respect and decency. It's crazy I know.

##### NFL Lock

San Diego at Miami — San Diego The Chargers haven't looked great so far this season, but everyone knows they'll turn it around. Is this the game? Man, I hope so. I need a win like Keira Knightley needs a cheeseburger.

##### NFL Upset

Chicago at Detroit — Detroit They have to win sometime right? Right?

#### Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

**Prediction record (10-10)**

##### NCAA Lock

Texas Tech at Kansas State — Tech Both of these teams have looked good so far but there is no way that Tech's two Heisman hopefuls, Harrell and Crabtree, are going to let the 'Cats come away with a win.

##### NCAA Upset

Missouri at Nebraska — Nebraska OK, this obviously a biased pick but it is definitely possible. With so many top 10 upsets last week, I'm a believer. Plus, my Mets missed the playoffs again and Nebraska lost a tough battle with Va. Tech. So, I figure God owes me one.

##### NFL Lock

Washington at Philly — Philly Well Dustin, the Redskins did it last week against the Cowboys in Dallas and that is exactly why they won't be lucky enough to do it in Philly.

##### NFL Upset

New England at San Fran — S.F. If the 49ers defense can contain Moss, it's game over New England.

#### Woody's picks

**Prediction record (11-9)**

##### NCAA Lock

Stanford at Notre Dame — Irish Stanford's given up 13 more points than they've scored. Notre Dame isn't good, but the game is in South Bend. Hopefully Chunky Charlie can rally the troops to a 4-1 record.

##### NCAA Upset

Oregon State at Utah — Beavers After upsetting USC one of two things are going to happen to OSU: 1.) build on that success or 2.) come out and lay an egg. I hope my gut feeling's right. Utah is favored by 12. A little respect?

##### NFL Lock

Titans at Baltimore — Titans The Titans' wiley old veteran Kerry Collins will make better decisions than young Joe Flacco against equally tough defenses.

##### NFL Upset

Pittsburg at Jacksonville — Pitt The Steelers played great in the second half Monday and could carry over. I just don't see the Jags going 5-0.

#### Dustin's picks

**Prediction record (11-9)**

##### NCAA Lock

South Carolina at Miss — Miss After Ole Miss beat the No. 4 team in the nation in Florida, their confidence is going to be sky high. Also, it is pretty easy for me to pick USC to lose, because I am not a fan of Steve Spurrier and he doesn't have a chance to produce a SEC contender.

##### NCAA Upset

Auburn at Vandy — Vandy No. 13 Auburn will travel to Vandy to take on the No. 19 Commodores and Vandy is in first in the SEC East.

##### NFL Lock

Chicago at Detroit — Chicago Come on, a team is playing against the Lions, how could you not pick this as a lock?

##### NFL Upset

Washington at Philly — Wash. The Redskins did it last week against the Cowboys in Dallas so I don't see why they couldn't do it again in Philly.

# SPOOFHOUNDS

### FOOTBALL

## Chillicothe comes to town for conference showdown

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

Two undefeated MEC rivals clash in Maryville Friday night and attempt to gain the upper hand in the race for the conference crown.

Maryville (5-0, 4-0) enters the game following a 41-14 victory over Cameron last Friday which coach Chris Holt didn't feel was his team's best effort.

"It just reminds me so much of last year," Holt said. "We had the 'look-ahead game, and Cameron was beating us at halftime last year because we were looking ahead at Platte County. I guess we did the same thing with Chillicothe tonight. Now it's over though, so now we can talk about Chillicothe."

Cameron jumped out to an early lead on its first possession of the game. A 45-yard flea-flicker pass from quarterback Sean Skilling to wide receiver Matt Hatten highlighted the drive and set up a one yard quarterback sneak by Skilling for a touchdown.

"At that point it was kind of like, 'we need to get our heads in the game and get going. Otherwise, we're going

to get blown out,'" junior nose tackle Jason Davis said.

The 'Hounds dominated most of the game following the early Cameron score. The offense scored 34 unanswered points, and the defense didn't allow another Dragon first down until the third quarter.

Senior running back John Farmer scored the first two touchdowns for the 'Hounds, giving them a 14-7 lead with 8:06 remaining in the second quarter.

Senior running back Adam Mattson delivered the knockout blow to the Dragons just 43 seconds into the second half. On a first and 10 from the Maryville 26-yard line, Mattson broke free and raced past the Cameron defense for a 74 yard touchdown run, and a 28-7 Spoofhound lead.

Mattson led the team with a season-high 181 yards and a touchdown. Farmer ran for 157 yards, caught three passes and scored four total touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving).

Senior quarterback Joe Jasinski completed five-of-nine passes for 67 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, juniors Evan Johnson

and Derek DeMott, and senior Tanner Walter tied for a team-high 5.5 tackles.

With Cameron out of the way, the 'Hounds can now start focusing on the highly anticipated Chillicothe matchup.

"We've been thinking about Chillicothe for a long time, or at least I know I have," senior safety John Schreck said. "I'm really ready to get to work and get out there practicing, and running scout team against them."

Chillicothe (5-0, 2-0) comes to Maryville boasting the highest scoring offense in the MEC. They have outscored their five opponents this year by an average of 32.6 points per game.

Last week the Hornets traveled to Benton, and handed the Cardinals a 37-6 defeat.

"If there is ever a scheme each year that probably doesn't change, it's Chillicothe," Holt said. "Defensive coordinator" Brian Lohafar's got a library of every scouting report he's ever done, and about every scouting report he's done for Chillicothe has looked about exactly the same. They

haven't changed anything offensively since the 1960s. It's just can you execute and out-tough them?"

A Maryville victory Friday will mean the 2008 'Hounds football team will have accomplished something no other 'Hounds team ever has: beat Chillicothe two years in a row.

Last year, Maryville squeaked out a 20-18 victory in Chillicothe, and Holt sees no reason why this year should turn out any different.

"It's pretty much the same two teams, just a year older," Holt said. "Both teams have

improved, but we won last year, so as far as I'm concerned, we should win this year."

The 'Hounds host Chillicothe at 7 p.m. Friday at Maryville High School.

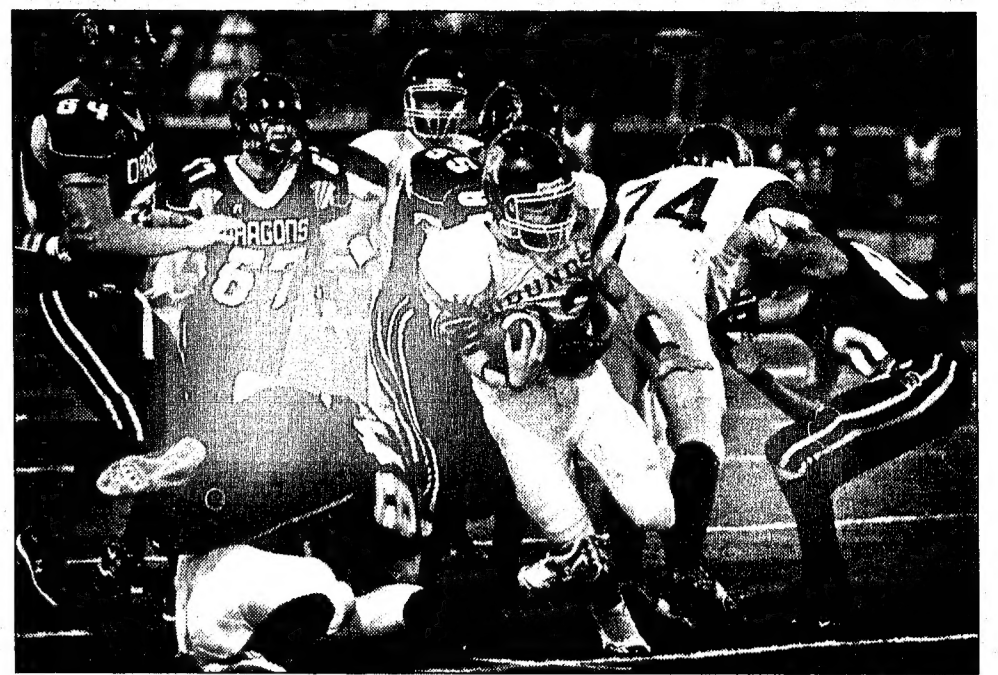


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SENIOR RUNNING BACK Adam Mattson rumbles for a first down in Friday's victory over Cameron. Mattson registered 181 rushing yards and a touchdown against the Dragons. The 'Hounds can now focus their attention on conference rival Chillicothe.

### SOFTBALL

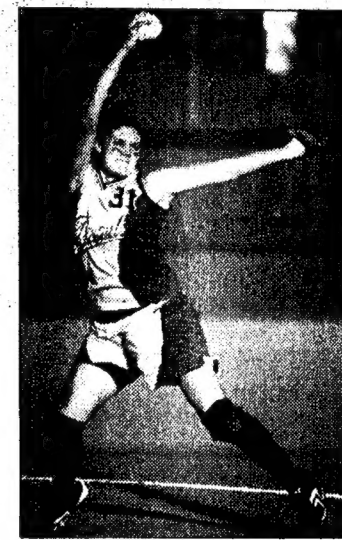


photo by Seth Cook / Chad Photographer  
SENIOR PITCHER MEGAN Walker lets one fly in a win over Benton Thursday.

## Late surge gives girls blowout victory in Cameron

By Dustin Sander  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds softball team didn't exactly roll over Cameron as easily as the score would say on Tuesday night.

The 'Hounds went to Cameron and defeated them 13-2. The score was 3-2 for the better part of the game until the seventh inning when the 'Hounds scored 10 runs.

"We were excited throughout the entire game," freshman pitcher Holly Whilmarth said. "But we were upset because it took so long for the bats to get started, but over-

all we were happy."

The offense may have struggled in the first six innings, but the bats hadn't gone totally cold. Sophomore shortstop Taylor Gadbois went 2-5 with three runs scored, three RBI and a homerun to cap off her night.

"We just started a rally and just got hits to keep it going, and our defense played really well through the entire game," Gadbois said.

Also, on the offensive side, freshman Amanda Nally went 3-4 with three runs scored and three RBI also.

Senior pitcher Megan Walker

came in to close out the game on the mound when the score was still 3-2. Walker didn't allow any runs and decided to help herself out at the plate by going 2-2, scoring two runs and racking up two more RBI.

Whilmarth started the game on the mound for the 'Hounds. She allowed only two runs in her five innings pitched. Maryville scored only three runs for Whilmarth while she was on the mound and the game remained close for six innings.

Whilmarth said it's much more difficult for her on the mound when the offense is slow and the game is

close. But once she feels comfortable, it gets easier for her along with everyone else.

"First, it was a little frustrating that it was a close game for as long as it was," coach Jacqui Conn said. "We went into the top of the seventh with the score 3-2 and then finally started to wake up and hit the ball and had to score 10 runs that inning. It's frustrating we can't score runs any sooner."

Conn said the bats starting out slow has become a trend for the 'Hounds having to come from behind or hold on to tight leads in a few games lately.

The 'Hounds also won Monday against Lafayette in St. Joseph. With their wins on Monday and Tuesday, the 'Hounds have only one loss in conference this season with a record of 18-1. Their only loss came from Chillicothe who shares the lead of the Midland Empire Conference with the 'Hounds. Chillicothe ends their conference season today. Conn said the 'Hounds will have at least a share of the conference title.

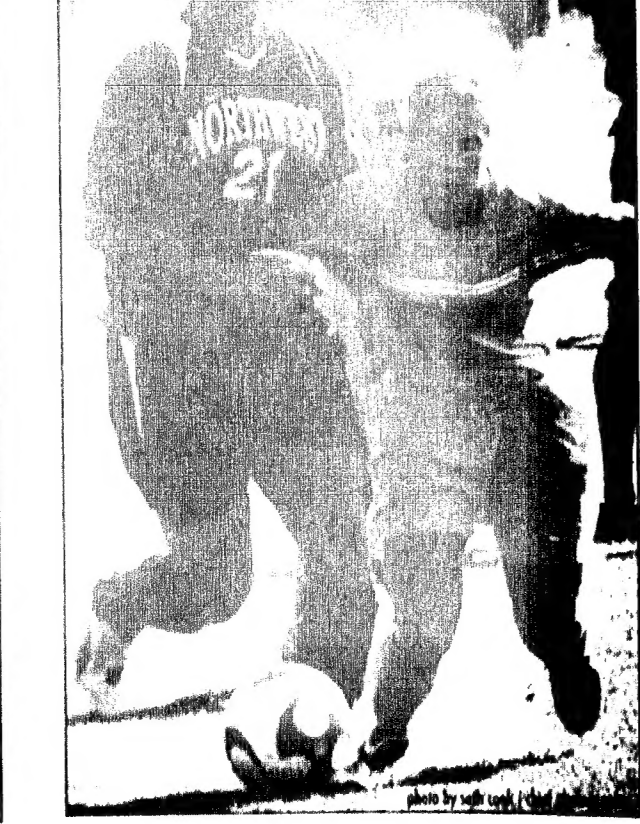
Districts will begin for Maryville next week.

The 'Hounds will finish their regular season against North Platte at 5 p.m. today in Dearborn, Mo.



## This week in sports

**RUNNING BACK JOHN** Farmer cuts loose against the Cameron Dragons Friday. Farmer ended the night with four touchdowns. (above left) Shannon McClellan swings for the fairway during the Maryville tournament Wednesday. (above right) Running back LaRon Council gets a violate shove from a Nebraska-Omaha defender. Council ran wild on the Mavericks for 130 yards. (right) Amanda Demil fights for the ball against Missouri Western. The 'Cats ended the game in a 0-0 tie.



## NORTHWEST & MARYVILLE HIGH

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**Tyler Roach**

Roach experienced something not all defensive linemen get to experience Saturday. After a botched option pitch by Nebraska-Omaha quarterback Zach Miller, Roach recovered a fumble and rumbled into the endzone for his first collegiate touchdown.

**Kira Lazenby**

Lazenby broke the Northwest single-season shutout record by shutting out Missouri Western last Thursday. Also by recording her fifth shutout, she tied for the lead in the MIAA. Lazenby and the Bearcat defense have only allowed one goal in their last three games.

**Adam Mattson**

Mattson led the Spoofhounds rushing attack against Cameron with 181 yards and one touchdown in less than three full quarters of action. This week Mattson will need to produce similar numbers when Maryville hosts MEC rival Chillicothe.

**Tracy Jensen**

Jensen led the Spoofhounds to a 2-0 victory over Lafayette Tuesday. Her offensive has allowed Jensen to lead the team in kills this season. On defense, Jensen attempts to stifle the opposing team from her middle blocker position.

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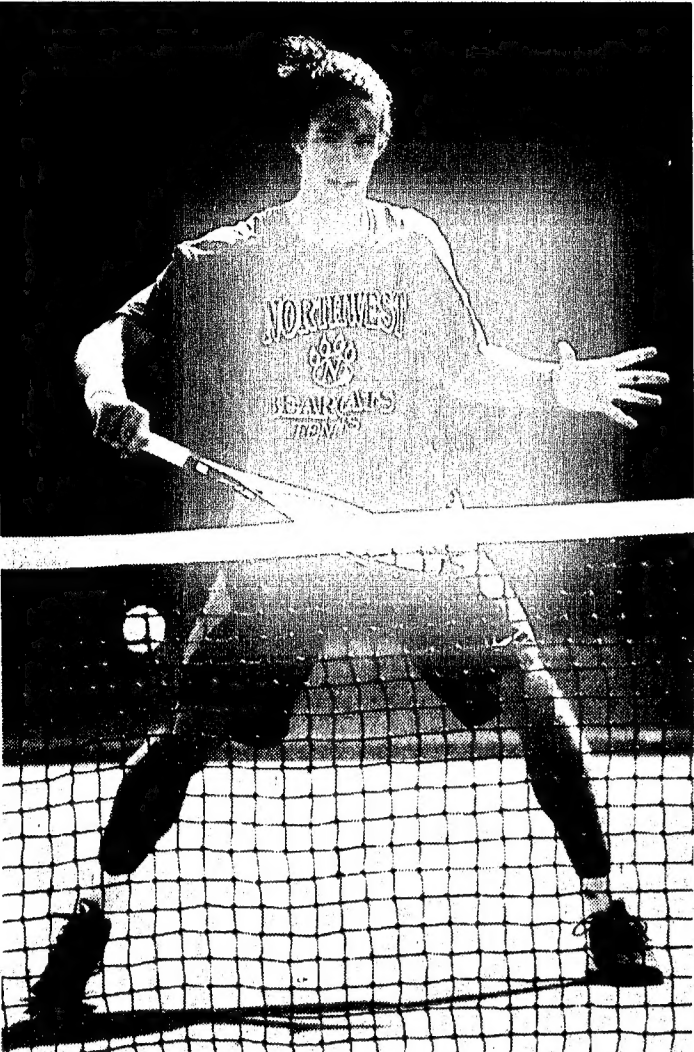


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Daniel Usieto forehands the ball into the net in the doubles match against Abilene Christian. Usieto and his partner Vigit Sehgal advanced to the semifinals before losing to the eventual tournament champions.

'Cats head to Texas for stacked ITA tournament

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The Northwest women's tennis team heads to Texas this weekend for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association tournament with a bid to nationals on the line.

This year's tournament will provide a huge challenge for the Bearcats, head coach Mark Rosewell said. In previous years, competition was not as stiff, but thanks to the combining of two regions this year, the ITA will contain both teams from the Midwest as well as the South.

"Well, what I'm really worried about is we've had a lot of rain," Rosewell said. "We've actually had a couple tournaments rained out, for one reason or another because of the weather. So, we haven't played as much as we normally would play at this time of the year, but I'm hoping we're going to catch up a little bit down there (Texas) this weekend."

Although the competition will be difficult, and the team is lacking in playing time at this point in the season, a win in either singles or doubles means an automatic berth into the national tournament.

"Oh my God, that would be awesome," junior Veronica Castilla said. "This year is much harder than last year because this year we are facing all these teams from Texas. The level of competition is going to be so good. Making it to nationals would be kind of a dream, but you never know."

Rosewell is expecting his two seniors, Lina Gomez and Jordan Lipira, to perform well and help lead the rest of their teammates. He also believes the 'Cats' No. 1 doubles team of Lisa Pendrak and Castilla will have a good showing.

"I'm just going into the tournament thinking we don't have anything to lose," Pendrak said. "They aren't going to expect anything from us. I'm not going to be afraid of those

teams. We're just going to play well, and that's all you can ask for."

While the women are front stage this weekend, it was the men's team who competed in the ITA last weekend.

The men's doubles team of Daniel Usieto and Vigit Sehgal made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions. Usieto also made it to the final 16 in ITA singles tournament.

"I thought it was a good showing," Rosewell said. "I think we showed those southern teams that we can play tennis. I thought we did pretty well."

Rosewell said he had a lot to look forward to after seeing freshman Ryan Westerhof compete.

"He (Westerhof) took a set off of the number one seed," Rosewell said. "That's a pretty hard thing to do, and he had him going. So, I was definitely encouraged by that."

The women's team will compete in the ITA at 8 a.m.,

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TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	UNO
367	Total yards
61	Total plays
205	Rushing yards
40	Rushing attempts
151	Fumbles-lost
162	Passing yards
39	Passing attempts
2-17	Sacks-yards lost
14-21	Comp.-Att.-Int.
4-178	Punts-yards
60	Off. yards per play
23	First Downs
5-50	Penalties-yards
1-55	Int-yards
5 of 11	Third downs
2 of 2	Fourth Downs

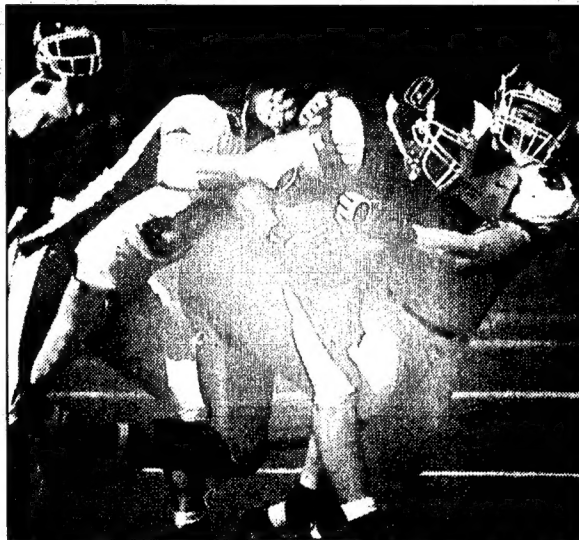


photo by Marc Meade / Sports Editor  
Northwest defensive ends Tyler Northway and Sean Paddock prevent UNO quarterback Zach Miller from scrambling in Saturday's 42-0 victory.

PLAYER STATISTICS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
LaRon Council	27	131	1	130	1	13	4.8
Sheldon Cook	7	44	0	44	0	11	6.3
Blake Bolles	3	23	0	23	0	15	7.7
Clint Moore	2	6	0	6	0	3	3.0
Brant Gregg	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Totals...	40	206	1	205	1	15	5.1

Passing	Cmp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Joel Osborn	20-13-1	140	2	27	0		
Blake Bolles	1-1-0	22	1	22	0		
Totals...	21-14-1	162	3	27	0		

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Greg Applegate	4	41	0	19
Abe Qaoud	3	32	1	22
Raphael Robinson	2	46	1	27
LaRon Council	2	22	1	16
Brian Shannon	1	10	0	10
Kyle Kilgore	1	8	0	8
Kendall Wright	1	3	0	3
Totals...	14	162	3	27

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Michael Stadler	4	178	44.5	59	1
Totals...	4	178	44.5	59	1

**Defense (T-A)**  
Al Foster Rettig (7-3), Ike Urum-Eke (6-4), Sean Paddock (5-1), Adam Vondrak (5-2), Ryan Jones (4-1), Myles Burnsides (4-1), Tyler Northway (4-2), Shayne Shade (4-3), Mike Mosley (4-3), Brandon Clayton (3-1), Evan Wilmes (3-2), Chris LeFlore (2-1), Ben Langston (2-1), Marcus Martin (2-1), Tyler Roach (2-1), Josh Lorenson (2-2), Aaron Terry (2-2)

SOCCER

Goalkeeper breaks Northwest record with five consecutive shut-out games

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

If defense wins championships, the Northwest soccer team could be in contention for the MIAA championship at season's end.

Goalkeeper Kira Lazenby broke the Northwest single-season shutout record this week by shutting out Missouri Western last Thursday for his fifth shutout. The Bearcats' offense failed to score however, and the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

"That's always a great thing, to break any records the school has because it means there's progress," head coach Tracy Hoza said. "It's always a goal of ours not to give up any goals and not make it easy for other teams. So, for Kira to do that, it's great and a great job by the team defensively."

The 'Cats out-shot the Griffons 36-to-18, but still could not register a goal.

In their last three games, all against MIAA teams, the 'Cats have only allowed one goal. That came in a 1-0 loss to Southwest Baptist Sept. 20, which averages four goals per game.

However, in that same three-game stretch they have only scored one goal in a 1-0 win over Missouri Southern.

"Our competition has gotten tougher," Hoza said. "They are very well-organized teams defensively. We need to work with more confidence and break down the other team defensively."

The 'Cats also get junior forward Rikki Southard back soon from an injury she suffered in the Truman State game Sept. 11.

Northwest needs to figure out a way to score as it faces two of its toughest challenges of the season so far this week.

Tonight they face MIAA-leading Central Missouri, whose goalkeeper, Lauren Barnvakais, is currently tied with Lazenby for the most shutouts in the MIAA.

The Jennies (7-1-1, 5-0) have only allowed two goals in their five conference games. One



photo by Seth Cook / chief photographer  
Junior forward Andrea Tintz completes a header in Thursday's tie with Missouri Western.

of them came in a 3-1 victory over the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Northwest then plays UNO Saturday, which is quickly growing into an intense rivalry in all sports since the Mavericks joined the conference this year.

"I really, really, really want to make them cry," senior midfielder Holly Ramaeker said. "We have absolutely nothing to lose, and they have everything to lose. I'm from Omaha and I would never want to go there, and I want to show them that."

UNO (5-1, 3-1) is currently ranked No. 1 in the South Central Region and most recently defeated Truman State 2-0.

"They have a rich tradition, and it will be a tough game," Hoza said. "But we have them at home, so we're excited about playing them on our turf first."

The Central Missouri game begins at 7 p.m. in Warrensburg, and the 'Cats play UNO at noon, Saturday at Bearcat Pitch.

VOLLEYBALL

'Cats continue to bounce back

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

After losing to their third ranked opponent in four matches, the Northwest volleyball team bounced back to capture a win against Southwest Baptist.

Northwest's loss came at the hands of No. 16 Pittsburg State. The Gorillas swept the 'Cats in their match on Friday.

"I think we were ready to play," coach Anna Tool said. "We hung with them in games one and two especially. I think they are getting used to playing ranked teams. We just have to hold things together a little longer to upset some of them."

It won't be the last time the Bearcats have a chance to see those top ranked teams. Oct. 21 marks the day No. 9 ranked Washburn comes to Northwest and restarts the 'Cats' stretch of highly ranked opponents.

"With the ones that are at home the second time around we are going to really push to feel like we've got that home court advantage and that we can take it to them," Tool said. "Now the newcomers know what those opponents actually look like, because it doesn't really hit home with you until you actually see the teams on the court. So, we'll just be more familiar with the other teams' style to play. So, I think the whole team will be more prepared to play."

After the 0-3 loss to the Gorillas, Northwest bounced back to take a 3-1 victory over Southwest Baptist.

That is something not unfamiliar to the 'Cats. They have rallied to grab a win following all three of their losses to ranked conference foes.

"I think with the not top ranked teams in our conference those are the games we need to just go out there

and dominate them," sophomore Amber Ryan said. "We just go out there right away and don't even give them a chance."

Tool attributes the team's ability to rebound to get those much-needed wins to the team's readiness for every match. So, when they do face unranked opponents, they have the confidence to know they are the better team.

In the win against Southwest Baptist, two 'Cats achieved season high bests.

Sophomore Sara Falcone recorded 14 kills along with a .387 hitting percentage.

"Everything has really just been coming together," Falcone said. "We've been getting really good passes and good sets. Then it is just really easy to put it down. There has been really good communication with the back row which has been helping a lot."

Ryan had a career high day with 21 kills which led the 'Cats. She also totaled 14 digs.

Tool and Ryan agree it has been Ryan's presence on the court that has improved throughout the season thus far. Her presence has improved both in her ability to see the court better, as well as expecting to be set more often.

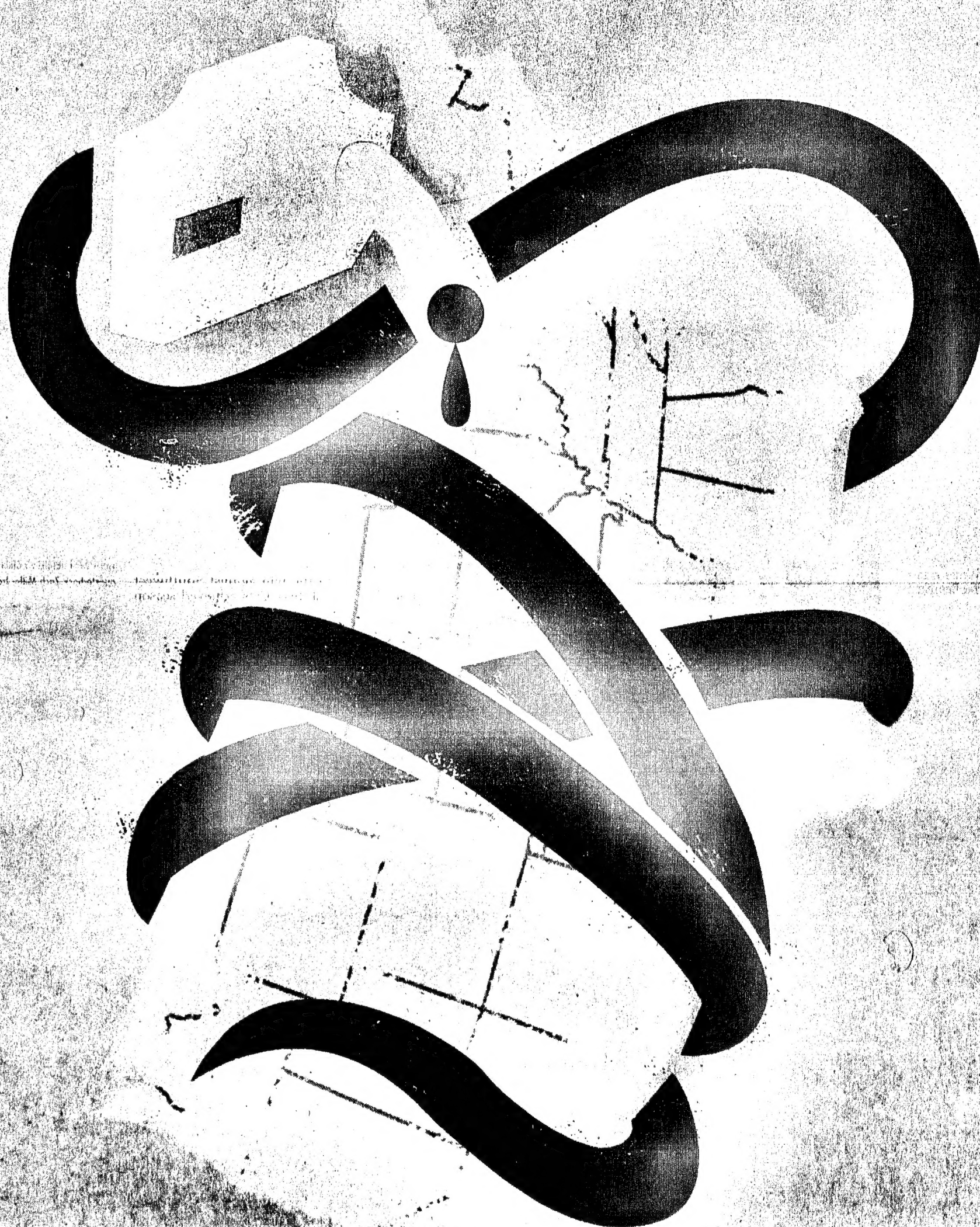
Next the 'Cats travel to South Dakota, trying to string together wins at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the DakotaDome.

"They are a very good team," Tool said. "They only have one loss and it's against Nebraska-Kearney who is nationally ranked. With them being Division-I this year, they are very quick. They are a big team... So, it's more about can we take care of the ball? We need to be smart and beat them with our speed and our quick tempo offense."

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## NW FOOTBALL



OFFENSIVE LINEMEN MATT Nelson, and Tom Pestock celebrate with defensive end Sean Paddock after last year's 37-34 overtime victory.

## Gorillas pose threat to MIAA championship

By Marcus Meade  
Sports Editor

It might be hard to top the 37-34 overtime thriller Pittsburg State and Northwest presented at Arrowhead Stadium last year.

But that doesn't mean they're not going to try.

Heading into Arrowhead, No. 6 Pittsburg State and No. 7 Northwest remain the only MIAA teams undefeated in conference play. That means the winner of Saturday's contest becomes king of the mountain in the MIAA.

"They're going to be really good," defensive tackle Tyler Roach said. "They're offensive line's going to be better than UNO's. They're going to be just as excited as we are. They're going to be prepared, so we have to be just as prepared, if not more."

The Bearcats took a big step toward a conference championship with their 42-0 shellacking of Nebraska-Omaha last Saturday. Their defense shut down dual-threat quarterback Zach Miller and a powerful Maverick offense that was averaging more than 40 points a game going into the contest.

Part of Northwest's defensive success came from the outstanding play of their defensive line, coach Mel Tjeerdma said. Roach exhibited his play-making ability by picking up a fumble and returning it nine yards for a touchdown just before half time. Roach also blocked a field goal.

The defensive line should have its hands full again this week in stopping a powerful Gorilla's rushing combo of quarterback Mark Smith and running back Caleb Farabi.

"We're just going to have to dominate the o-line, d-line battle," Roach said. "If we do that, our job, as a defense, is going to be a lot easier. So, if we win the battle in the trenches, then, I think, we have a good chance to win."

Farabi and Smith have combined for 914 yards and eight touchdowns rushing this season.

Last year, the Gorillas torched the 'Cat defense on the ground. Using mostly an option attack, Pittsburg State compiled 272 rushing yards.

"The thing about the option, from a defensive standpoint, it's more of an assignment thing," Tjeerdma said. "Somebody's got the pitch back, somebody's got the dive back, somebody's got the quarterback, and that's hard to adjust to. So, we've had week of that preparation, so I hope we'll do a better job stopping it than we did a year ago."

Offensively, the 'Cats seem

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## COACHES FACEOFF

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## Coaching greats share success, love for the game

By Marcus Meade  
Sports Editor



Together, they've put up some gaudy numbers: 394 wins, 18 conference championships, 24 playoff trips, nine national championship berths, three national championship wins.

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma and Pittsburg State coach Chuck Broyles are at least similar in success.

"I enjoy being around him," Tjeerdma said. "He's got a really good sense of humor. He really enjoys what he's doing, and he enjoys his kids. That's the same as I am. So, I consider him a good friend and a great competitor."

While Bearcat fans idolize Tjeerdma for his resurrection of the Northwest football program, they may overlook the coaching legend standing on the other sideline at Arrowhead Stadium.

Broyles began as a head coach in Pittsburg in 1990, but his ties to the Gorillas go all the way back to his college days when he played offensive and defensive line for Pittsburg.

Broyles earned NAIA All-American honorable mention as a senior and was named the Gorilla's most outstanding player in 1968. His success earned him a tryout with the Pittsburgh Steelers, but he entered the coaching arena instead. After 20 years climbing the coaching ranks, he made his way back to his alma mater.

"The biggest part (of returning to Pittsburg) was my mom and dad were both living at the time, my dad passed away a couple years ago, but he got to hang around for eight years or so," Broyles said. "Having my mom and dad around, that was the best thing."

Though similar in success, their backgrounds are a point of difference between the two dominant coaches.

Tjeerdma spent his early coaching career jumping from Iowa to Texas, a far cry from his hometown of Springfield, S.D.

Tjeerdma landed at Northwest with a lot of work to do, inheriting a team that went 3-8 the year before. In his first year with the 'Cats in 1994, he went 0-11.

"When he first took the job, he kind of looked around to see what people were doing and having success with," Broyles said. "He started doing some of the things we were doing."

A few years later, Tjeerdma righted the ship and took the 'Cats to two national championship victories. Since then, the two programs took on a similar look. Both schools recruit heavily in surrounding areas, both schools don't rely heavily on junior college recruits and both schools redshirt most of their freshmen, Broyles said. This system allowed both programs to stay on top in the MIAA for a decade.

Pittsburg and Northwest have also utilized talent found in their own back yards. Both teams boast five active players from the hometowns.

"Those kids grow up watching it, and they want to be a part of Pitt State," Tjeerdma said. "Our kids here in Maryville, they grow up; they want to be a Bearcat ... the other thing is we both have great high school programs."

The Broyles-Tjeerdma system not only emphasizes great football characteristics like toughness, physicality and intelligent play, it also stresses good characteristics off the field, Northwest quarterback Joel Osborn said.

"He's thinking about life in general, not just the four years of football you have here," Osborn said of Tjeerdma. "He wants to make you a better man for life."

While Tjeerdma and Broyles use all their resources to compete on the field, off the field, they're nothing but cordial. In years past, they've played golf together, though both admit free time is tough to come by, because they're so devoted to football.

This Saturday, they'll get back to sidelines they love and once again, share the thing that makes them both great.

"Our hobby's football," Broyles said. "Our livelihood is football, and if we ever have any free time, we're probably watching a football game."

## Player matchups

RB LaRon Council v. LB Rusty Morgan

Council is leading the Bearcats in yards rushing with 524 yards and touchdowns scored with 13 touchdowns both receiving and rushing. Council will be meeting Morgan in the hole all day, and we'll see which team leader wins this battle.

WR Abe Qaoud v. DB Chadd Snyder

Qaoud has caught 23 passes this season with four touchdowns and 275 yards. Gorilla's Snyder has three broken up passes and 33 tackles this season. Qaoud will be trying to get the best of Snyder with his great route running in the secondary on Saturday.

LB Willie Horn v. QB Mark Smith

Smith will use a ground and air attack against the Bearcats. He has 321 yards with three touchdowns rushing and through the air has 975 yards and nine touchdowns. Horn will be limiting Smith's yards on the ground. Horn has 19 tackles and four for a loss. Smith will be trying to get around edge all day Saturday using his legs and Horn will be there to stop him.



NORTHWEST FANS CARRY on the tradition of hanging humorous banners by the Arrowhead endzones. Sign makers have a change in mind for this year's banner.

## Die hards with a vengeance

By Dustin Sander  
Assistant Sports Editor

A diehard fan is someone who wins and loses with his or her team. They are always standing in the front row possibly even holding a sign.

Michael Swinford and Vince Wiederholt are the definition of diehard fans. Maryville's native sons have cheered on Northwest their entire lives. In 2004, Wiederholt had an idea to create a sign they could hang from the stands at the Fall Classic at Arrowhead Stadium when Northwest takes on Pittsburg State every year. In that moment, the satirical sign was born along with a great running joke for this classic rivalry. Their sign, a large white sheet with the phrase "Billy Ray Cyrus hates Pitt State" written in green spray paint.

"It's an awesome time, and it's always been a great game because Pitt State is a pretty tough team. But the sign is just pretty

random," Wiederholt said.

From the moment the satirical sign was born, it created a new Northwest tradition at Arrowhead. The sign has become a phenomenon of the Fall Classic afternoon, and no Bearcat fan would want it any other way.

"It's just a random sign we thought we'd take down and have a little fun, and we dressed up too," Swinford said.

At the game, the duo will be seen wearing mullet wigs, along with flannel shirts to pay tribute to the once great country star.

Swinford and Wiederholt also have many great stories and memories from the Fall Classic caused by their famous sign. The sign proves to be a great conversation starter and has even been strong enough to bring Pitt State fans over from the other side.

"(In 2006) this guy from Pitt State came over and said that he was Billy Ray Cyrus cousin. So we got to meet Billy Ray Cyrus cousin, according to what he told us that day,"

Swinford said.

Each season when the group goes to the game, anywhere from 20 to 30 people go with them. Every member of the sign's posse has also been down as many times as Swinford and Wiederholt. Then, once they get into the stadium people come over to join them and their infamous sign.

Swinford and Wiederholt have been to the Fall Classic with their sign three times from '04 to '06. Both missed the game last season while deployed in Afghanistan. But the tradition was not about to be still shown at the game by their friends to keep the tradition alive.

Rumor has it the sign is going to be changed slightly for this Fall Classic. Though Swinford and Wiederholt remain tight-lipped about the changes, rumors persist it will involve Hannah Montana.

"It's just always a blast down there, and it's always a good game too," Swinford said.



**P.S.**  
Art and Entertainment Guide

# Sole Man

Footwear a little flat? This student might be able to help.

**Inside:**

no fooling around  
we talk to the players behind  
northwest's production of  
neil simon's comedy.

who's the best?  
hollywood's greatest directors  
go head to head, but only  
five make our entertainment  
reporter's list of all-time greats.

oh, the people you'll meet (in college)  
are you a gamer? worried? creep? check out our take on  
some of the college world's most common stereotypes.

## STATS OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS

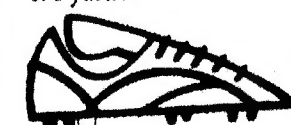
### We need some stats ... stat!



Saturday will be a battle of the townies. Pitt State carries five townies including starting quarterback Mark Smith and starting running back Caleb Farabi. Northwest starts four of five townies: center Matt Nelson, strong safety Myles Burnside, linebacker Evan Wilmes and fullback Brant Greg.

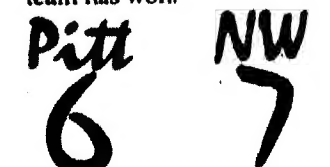


The ground attack proves to be the most vital stat of the series, the team that leads rushing offense has won every game. Pittsburg State leads the overall rushing yards by 170 yards.



## Rankings

Going into this Saturday Pittsburg State is ranked No. 6 and Northwest is No. 7. In five of the last six years the highest nationally ranked team has won.



## Determination

Both Pittsburg State and Northwest know the importance of winning this game. Every year except 2005 the winner has won or tied for the MIAA conference championship.



## Weather

The Bearcats may want to pray for cold weather Saturday. They are 3-0 in the Fall Classic when the temperature is below 60.



## Turnovers

The turnover battle always plays a big role in determining the winner of the game; the team that wins the turnover battle is 4-0. Northwest leads the turnover battle 10-2-1.



## Home vs. Away

This weekend Northwest will be the home team but they won't be able to expect any home field advantage because home teams are only 3-3 in the Fall Classic.





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northwest student brandon laskowski shows his  
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## Thumbs Up Thumbs Down



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- Jeff Corwin and his snakes performing tonight
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- Autumn beginning and crunchy leaves to step on
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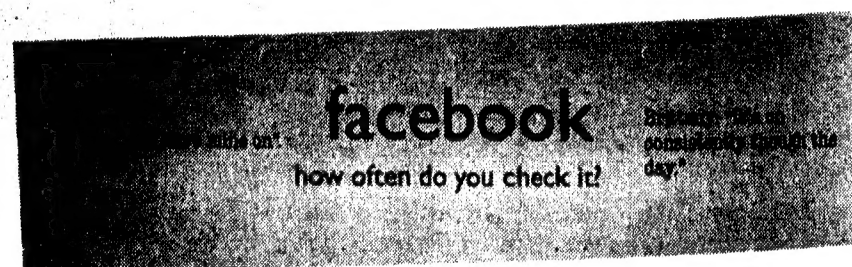
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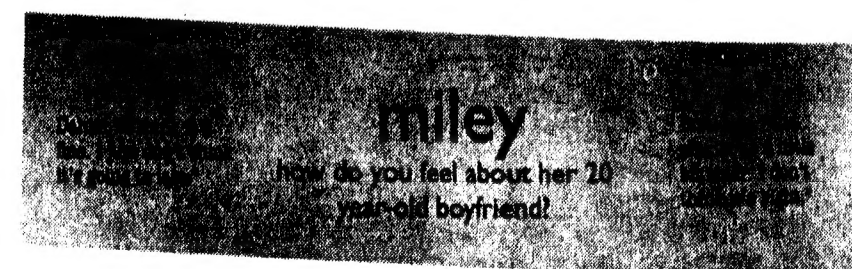


Daniel: "10 months"

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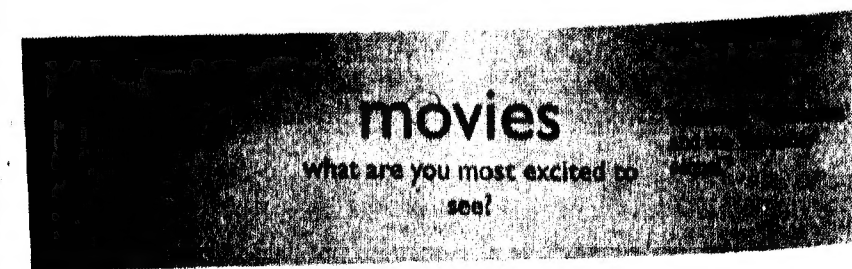


Daniel: "He was trying to pull some votes by acting like he cared."

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# just for kicks:

Student's unique  
shoe designs get  
national attention

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

Like most kids, Brandon Laskowski anticipated the first day of school. However, it wasn't because of the thrill of shopping for school supplies, or the excitement of being reunited with friends.

It was for the shoes.

From a young age, Laskowski has had a love for shoes, and the beginning of each school year was the perfect opportunity to hunt for the best pair.

"It was something exciting for the start of a new school year," Laskowski said. "I only got one pair a year, so I looked for the best ones."

His love for shoes continued throughout his school days and by the time he reached middle school, Laskowski discovered a new way to feed his hunger for shoes — design. What began as simple sketches of shoes in class eventually led to the business Laskowski now runs, Evolved Footwear.

He slowly began the designing process during his freshman year of high school in Blue Springs, Mo., working on shoes for himself and close friends.

After a while, Laskowski started searching the Internet for people who shared his new found passion for designing, and only found a handful of Web sites for people with the common interest.

"There hasn't been enough respect given to people like myself," he said. "Maybe only five have made it."

The lack of competition in the field drove Laskowski to start his Web site, Evolved Footwear, which is his largest marketing tool.

"The Web site is like an online portfolio to show off my creativity and will hopefully allow me to work with a shoe company someday."

The site showcases a variety of the designs Laskowski has done since 2001, when his new hobby took off.

Of the nearly 200 pairs he has done, Laskowski still has a hard time pinning a personal favorite. The closest he has to a favorite is a design made in 2005 on Nike Dunks. Laskowski burned skulls and the signature "EF" into the brown suede of the shoe, creating a design he said he wishes he could have held on to.

The Dunks are just one type of shoe Laskowski favors when it comes to his customizations. He shops for shoes from online stores, constantly searching for the cheapest pair, which typically runs around \$65.

Along with finding the cheapest pair, Laskowski also works with mostly leather shoes so the paint sticks. For his designs, Laskowski uses acrylic paint that sometimes has to be mixed with textile medium for added durability.

Although Laskowski hasn't always worn his own designs, has recently begun wearing more customizations he has come up with for himself.

"In high school I spent my money on shoes," he said. "I would go into the store and imagine what I could do to every pair I saw."

"I have a lot of new ideas that I want to try. Some turn out good, some not so good. And some turn out better than I imagined."

With the amount of orders Laskowski receives, the requests come in a wide range.

In February 2007, Laskowski customized a pair for the new CEO of Capitol Records, Jason Flom. The white Air Force 1s are scattered with black musical notes and gold accents, with the letters "CEO" across the back. After receiving his customized kicks, Flom decided to order a pair for his teenage son.

Laskowski just finished the pair last month, creating a very detailed graphic of man playing the electric guitar, full of blues, reds, blacks and yellows.

After receiving his son's pair, Flom placed another special order for his wife, which featured a sky blue mountain scene on silver high tops, with pink accents of a female snowboarding down the slopes.

"I don't try for celebrities, but it definitely doesn't hurt business or reputation," Laskowski said. "Having connections or customer base isn't bad."

Like the Flom's, most orders come from the East and West coast, and some even from travel from Europe and Asia. Laskowski said the shoes typically range from \$250 to \$400, depending on the level of difficulty.

Although he enjoys designing shoes, Laskowski said it's not economical enough to do for a living.

"I do it because it's fun," he said. "I won't stop, but I won't do it for a job. When they come out with shoes I can't use, I'll be done."

The response Laskowski has received from his Web site is unlike anything he expected when he started doodling shoes in high school.

"I never expected this. I've made some extra spending money, but I focus on shoes way more than I probably should," he said, smiling.

"It's like anything else — you want to be able to show the little thing you do during the process that make it worth it."

Although the shoe customizing business isn't wildly popular in the Midwest, Laskowski is keeping a tight hold on his dreams.

"I've found an interest that I enjoy doing in life," he said. "I've met a lot of people because of it that I probably would've never met, and I enjoy talking to people who do the same thing. It's just fun."



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## The clingy couple

When you see this couple, you want to throw things at them. They are constantly draped all over each other with their googly eyes, spouting out things like "Oh, I love you so much baby" or "You mean everything to me," in the middle of the Union at 10 a.m. If you happen to find them apart, you will see them checking their phone every few seconds, where they are sure to find a text saying one of the lovey dovey phrases they would be exchanging if only they were in person.

## The study buddy

Constantly carrying books and spending most of their spare time in the library, the study buddies are the students we all wish we could be. Although their idea of fun is reading their notes repeatedly, their grades are those to envy.

## The gamer

The dorms are a prime spot for gamers. Check your lounges for the group constantly playing "Guitar Hero," "Halo" or "Call of Duty," because they are more than likely there. This crew has it all when it comes to video games – the headsets, every type of guitar for "Guitar Hero" and of course, stacks of cheats they've printed off the Internet.

## The worrier

This person stresses over everything from schoolwork to relationships and everything in between. They are constantly fretting something and usually blow things way out of proportion. Their stress levels tend to be sky high at times, and they usually seem very on edge.

## Crooked peace sign posse

It doesn't matter if you're out at the bars, a house party or just walking home after a night out, you will always see the group of girls who can't take a picture without the signature crooked peace sign and their "gangsta" looks. If you scan their Facebook albums, every picture is of them plus one other person rockin' the sign.

## The creeper

The bars, your classes, campus sidewalks – creepers are lurking everywhere. They don't have to say anything, their presence is enough. They're the ones that slyly shimmy their way into your circle of girlfriends as you dance the night away and then tries to get all of your numbers. He's the one who has a creepy cameo appearance in the background of your photos from a night out, or the one you keep catching stare at you as you try and enjoy lunch at J.W's.

## The over-dresser

You see her in the Union, your classes and randomly on campus. Picture this: it's 8 a.m on Monday and this girl has her makeup perfectly done and wearing a ridiculously adorable outfit as you pass by in your sweatpants and hoodie. Although it's super annoying someone would get this dressed up for class, you can't help but be a little jealous because she looks so cute.

## The cynic

We all know people like this. They're the type who are never satisfied with anything and never fail to let you know. The cynics don't believe there is a single genuine person in the world, and if you ask them to help you with your problems, they will most likely tell you you don't have problems, but the problems have you. The cynic is the person who tells small children they are adopted and Santa Claus isn't real.

## Coffee shop kid

You can't walk anywhere near Java City without seeing the "usuals." They are the people who hang out in the coffee shop, regardless if they are actually enjoying one of the tasty beverages, working on homework or just hanging out between classes. Of course, they are also the ones wearing the super trendy outfits (with accessories to match) and discussing intellectual topics in the dimly lit booths.

## The ESPN mouthpiece

Everyone knows one of these types. They're the ones who can rattle off any sports fact, stat or player bio for any team, no matter what sport it is. This is the person who can tell you every stat from the Yankees' home opener in 1950, exactly how many touchdown passes any quarterback in the NFL has thrown and just how many yards LaRon Council has rushed for ... ever.

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# It takes all kinds...



# The best of...

## Top Movie Directors of All Time

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

### Steven Spielberg

He is the most influential, highest-earning and the greatest film director of all time. This man has been captivating our minds for years with film masterpieces. Whether they are larger-than-life fantasy movies such as "E.T." or "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," or epic thrill rides such as "Saving Private Ryan" or "Schindler's List," he shows us movies really are a portal to another world. He can do it all, and quite frankly does it better than anyone.

### Martin Scorsese

Nobody can do what Scorsese does with crime movies and thrillers. "Taxi Driver" and "Goodfellas" are obvious films to point to for examples. There are other great movies such as "The King of Comedy" and "Raging Bull" that also show how he can take an obscure character and make them larger than life. Using his unique filmmaking style of unfiltered scripts along with some of the best cinematography in Hollywood, Scorsese is in a class all his own.

### Stanley Kubrick

Try to think of one Stanley Kubrick film that didn't change the way you look at movies. From "2001: A Space Odyssey" to "A Clockwork Orange" to his

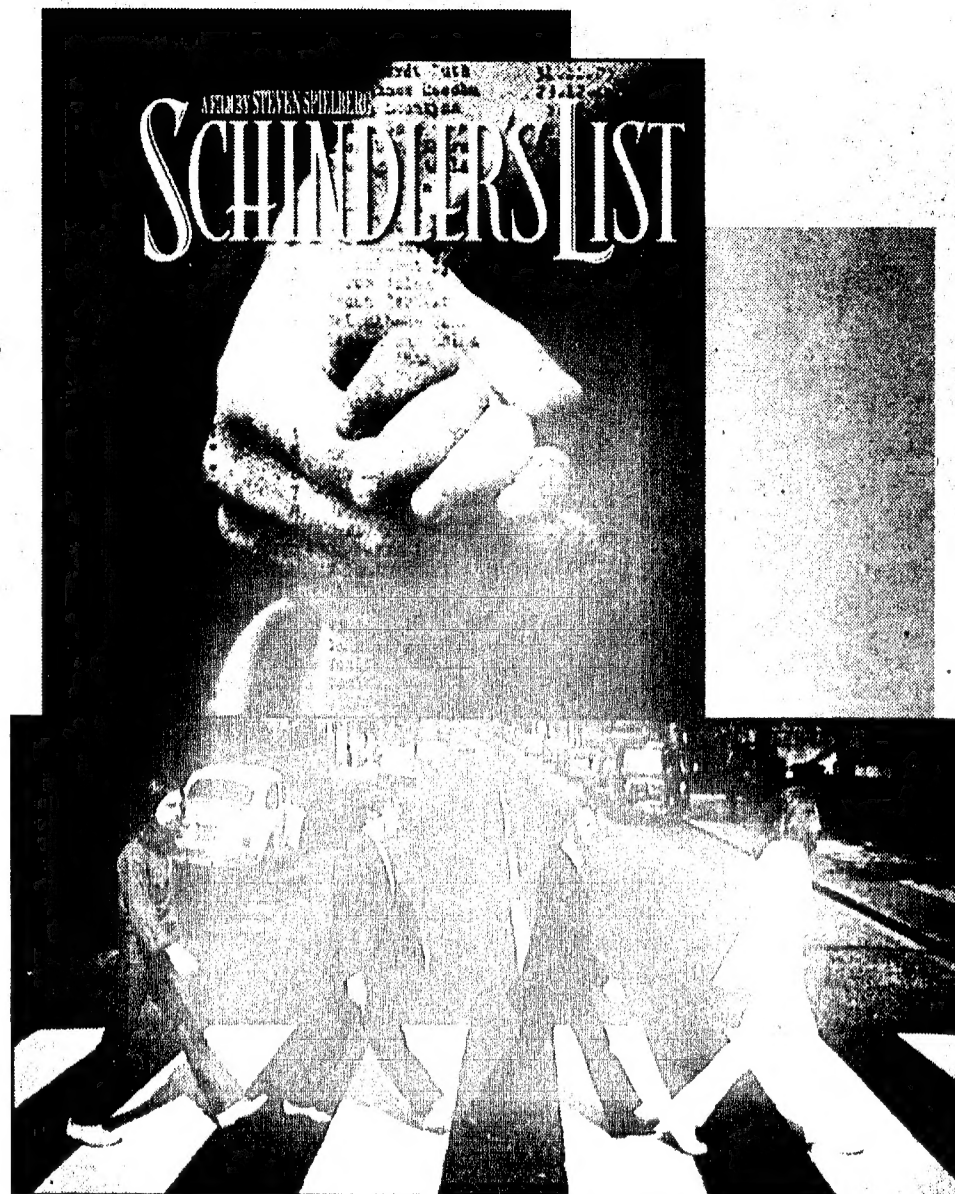
most popular film "The Shining," Kubrick was a revolutionary in filmmaking. He brought you into the psyche of his characters better than any other director and extremely original in using different camera angles that hadn't been seen before. He was also great at using eerie calm silences mixed with horrifying music at the right times to convey his artistry.

### Coen Brothers

The Coen Brothers are amazing at immersing one into a specific culture. This is evident by using the upper Midwest in "Fargo," southern California in the slacker-based comedy "The Big Lebowski" or the drug world of west Texas in "No Country for Old Men." They are always providing an insight into worlds different than our own. Put that together with amazing actors and scripts and the Coen Brothers can do no wrong.

### Quentin Tarentino

Quentin Tarentino made it OK to be a movie geek because quite frankly, he's the biggest one out there. Using B-movie qualities of over the top violence, but at the same time having great long scenes of intelligent dialogue, has made him create some of the best movies of the past 20 years. "Reservoir Dogs" and "Pulp Fiction" are obvious examples, but this formula is best used in the "Kill Bill" movies. He's the ultimate guilty pleasure director.



## Top 5 Albums of All Time

By Marshall Carlson  
Missourian Reporter

"Blood Sugar Sex Magik" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers is definitely a true display of musical talent. This album spawned several hits such as "Under the Bridge" and "Give It Away," but it is more than just that. By utilizing each instrument in just the perfect way, the Peppers perfect the art of funk and establish themselves as contenders in the fight to fame.

What countdown wouldn't contain a Beatles' album? "Abbey Road," the last album recorded by the band, was released in late September of 1969. Despite a lack of togetherness, the Beatles were able to construct one last epic album, which is still legendary to this day. The sounds of the bass-driven "Come Together," the bizarre "I Want You (She's So Heavy)" and others are still shaping and inspiring new and ever-changing musical ideas.

Simply put, Rush's "Moving Pictures" album is an easy number three. This album is a brilliant display of the fundamental ideas of

progressive rock innovation. As an example of their creativity, the instrumental song, "YYZ," was written as a tribute to a Canadian airport? In this album, Geddy Lee, Neil Pert and Alex Lifeson show the world just how good they can be.

"Nether Lands" is a definite must-have for any easy-listening, folk music fan. This is the fourth album from the late singer/songwriter, Dan Fogelberg. This collection reflects a sense of surrealism, with meditative rhythms and pensive lyrics. Varying from the beautiful harmonies of "Dancing Shoes" to the mystical "Nether Lands," this album proves that Fogelberg truly was a musical genius.

If I asked you, when was the birth of heavy metal, what would you say? I bet for most people today, the album wouldn't be Deep Purple's "Machine Head." This album features a wide array of sounds spanning from pugnacious "Highway Star," to the seven-minute opus, "Lazy," to that tune everyone recognizes as "Smoke on the Water." With a driving, riff-based sound and symphonic chord changes, this album is one for the ages.

ANDREW MADDUX, MICK Turpin, and Kelsey Matthias perform in "Fools," a Neil Simon comedy. The show featured only freshmen.



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community news editor

## Neil Simon's "Fools" opens Northwest Theatre Company

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

Shakespeare once wrote "all the world's a stage." Well, for the freshmen actors in the Northwest Production of "Fools" that world has just become much bigger.

The first college play for these students brought them to the forefront of the Northwest Theatre Company. The play was performed last week with an ensemble of only freshmen. Normally this play is open to transfer students as well but none tried out.

"It fits the criteria we're looking for in a freshman play," Director Joe Krezinger said. "There are lots of roles in it that the freshman students can sink their teeth into."

The play, a comedy, written by Neil Simon in 1981 follows a man who came to a small town in the Ukraine called Kulyenchukov. In this town, everyone has been stricken with a curse of stupidity. From there, he falls in love with a girl and he finds out he has 24 hours to cure her stupidity or he will become stupid.

Mick Turpin, who played the lead, felt the pressure and the rigors of hard work early on.

"It was very exhausting having to put that many hours

into the role," Turpin said. "But it was all worth it. I felt very accomplished."

Turpin is no stranger to the stage. He has been acting since his sophomore year of high school and this is his 12th production since. He has acted in a variety of theater including drama, musicals and comedies.

"I'm usually cast as the good guy," Turpin said with a smile. "To be honest, I didn't even think I would get the role I had. I was just glad to be called back."

The college stage is certainly bigger than the high school stage. Turpin recalls during rehearsals everything was more detailed, and he had to put much more emphasis on developing his character than in high school.

Despite being freshman students, the pressure was on for the actors. Krezinger said he expected a certain level of commitment and dedication to the play.

"We have high expectations whether they are freshmen or not," Krezinger said. "Many of these students want to get into theater as a profession, and we want them to show dedication and hard work."

Rehearsals for "Fools" lasted nearly four hours every night in

the span of a month. Along with rehearsals came line memorization, physical comedy training and getting into the characters.

"I worked my butt off working on the lines alone," freshman Erika Baker said. "It's so much work outside of rehearsals. I spent at least four and a half hours every night working on everything."

Anxiety was another worry for some of the actors. This being the first time that all of them have been on the college stage, nerves became a worry.

"I always have nerves. They're always there," Turpin said. "There's no worries after the first entrance though."

"There's always anxiety, but you have to channel it," Baker said. "In this play it definitely helps when they laugh when they're supposed to. You get a rush."

Now that "Fools" and the nerves are behind them, the freshmen actors have a long journey ahead of them. Many of them, including Turpin, have to perform in as many productions as they can. Turpin takes this challenge head on and hopes he will have fun doing it.

"I have to do as much as I can because of my scholarship," Turpin said. "But I hope to do as much as I can and build my future here."

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# Band Secrets in Stereo no longer secret; featured on TV shows

By Stacie Zika  
Missourian Reporter

The fans of the popular shows "The Hills," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Exiled" have been let in on the big secret. What is this big secret? The band Secrets in Stereo is, and thanks to those hit shows, the secret is out.

They are an indie band with a strong pop vibe. Before you toss them aside into the pile of annoying pop songs that suck give them a chance. Their self-titled CD, released in November 2007, is definitely worth listening to.

Secrets in Stereo is based out of Nashville, Tenn. The band consists of Josh Ryan, who started as a solo artist, but later joined with songwriter/producer Jason Collum to co-write and co-produce the entire Secrets in Stereo CD.

Many of Secrets in Stereo's songs have aired on MTV shows. The song "Step Outside" was featured in both "The Hills" and "Exiled." MTV's "The Real World-Sydney," featured the song "Not Today" and the show "The Paper" featured "No Such Thing."

Don't be put off by what seems to be another MTV commercialized package, Secrets in Stereo write and sing genuinely good songs. They are not your typical generic pop band.

Secrets in Stereo are compared to artists like Howie Day and Josh Kelley and resemble the band Lifehouse. Listeners can expect to hear catchy songs with lyrics that ring true. Such songs as "All the Things I

Hate" and "Quit and Go Home" have a way of sucking you in, and the next thing you know you are singing along.

The truth behind the lyrics is what makes all the songs so likeable, even to those who harbor such a strong hatred of anything pop. Secrets in Stereo even have the ability to take a semi-annoying song like "The Last Thing On Your Mind" by Lights, (the catchy song from an Old Navy commercial) and make it better than the original.

The meaning behind the band's unique name is also no secret. On the groups MySpace page Josh Ryan explains the name.

"It's always fascinated me that as singer/songwriters we lay out all of our most well guarded thoughts and insecurities for the world to hear and judge. When I perform, or my song is playing on the radio, I'm telling all my secrets to whoever will listen."

This kind of honesty is found in the bands songs such as, "Step Outside," discussing a relationship with lyrics like, "How I miss the innocence. I didn't know it could hurt this bad. Wish we had a second chance, but the first chance is all we had."

The sincerity of the lyrics reflects genuine feelings without being cheesy or sugarcoating raw emotions.

Secrets in Stereo has the potential to appeal to all audiences even crossing genre boundaries/stereotypes - that is if they are given the chance. Their songs can be purchased on iTunes. Check out Secrets in Stereo on MySpace, Facebook, Pure Volume or Ruckus.

## The Mars Volta, musical genius

By Marshall Carlson  
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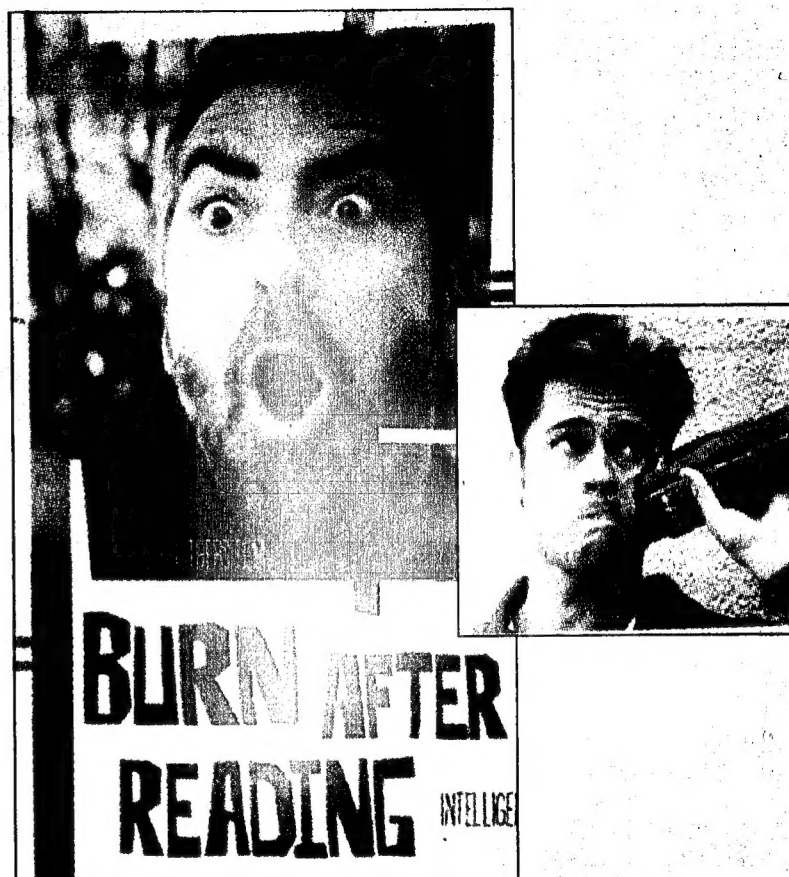
Too many times I've gone to the store and bought an album referred to as "amazing," "fresh" and "new," only to be let down within the first few minutes of listening to it. Why does it seem like nothing is original anymore?

Mainstream music today is a guitarist's paradise. Disagree? Listen to what's playing on the radio these days. I don't know about you, but as for me, I'm getting a little tired of those grinding guitar-driven songs of Disturbed. Nickelback's the same way. Whatever happened to music driven by soul?

It's the opposite of all of these instances that makes The Mars Volta's "The Bedlam in Goliath" one of the best albums I own. It's always good to know someone still knows how to make good music nowadays. This album varies from the softer, more tranquil "Ilyena" to the aggressive



"Aberinkula" and "Metatron." The song "Soothsayer" actually features field recordings of different places throughout Jerusalem. Research this album a bit and you'll find it has a bizarre history, which partly inspired some of the music you hear in this album. Their flawless mix of classic jazz elements with a modern-day merger of their own style makes "The Bedlam in Goliath" one for the history books.



## 'Burn's' Coen brothers can do no wrong

By Brian Johnson  
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After seeing "Burn After Reading," I certainly don't want to burn after viewing. This latest outing by the Coen brothers has proved to be as well put together as anything that they have done.

The film stars George Clooney ("Michael Clayton"), Frances McDormand ("Almost Famous"), John Malkovich ("Con Air") and Brad Pitt ("Mr. and Mrs. Smith") in a small role.

This hilarious story follows a CIA agent (Malkovich) whose wife wants a divorce and decided to copy his finances onto a disk. Somehow, the disk comes into the hands of two employees of a local gym (McDormand and Pitt) who try to ransom the contents of the disk.

However, the contents of the disk are unknown to the naive gym employees. This leads them to think that there are more important files on this disk than there actually is.

Have you followed all that? The story is a bit complex, but the zany comedy of all these actors, especially McDormand and Pitt, provide for some awkward yet hilarious moments. Any film that can have me laughing at someone's death has my respect.

Going into this, I thought there was no way they were going to credibly follow up "No Country For Old Men" which in my opinion was the best movie of 2007. While this one probably won't be winning the Best Picture Oscar any time soon, the Coens' have proven to me they can

never make a bad movie.

Painted in black comedy, the film may be the funniest thing the Coen brothers have done since "The Big Lebowski." The actors have such good chemistry with one another and in turn makes their characters very compatible together.

The comedy is all in the dialogue. It shows that one doesn't need to fall on his or her face in order to get a laugh. I don't think I stopped chuckling once throughout the whole thing. There were a couple of good physical comedy moments, I must admit. I never thought I'd see the day I'd see Malkovich punch Pitt in the face.

The Coen brothers' ability to immerse the audience into a culture is better than any director.

You are thrown into about three worlds on this ride. You're in the CIA world of Washington, the hapless gym rat world and in the life of a sex addict. Sounds crazy to put all those together, but the Coens' did it.

The ending is one of the most anticlimactic, yet best conclusions to a film I've seen in a long time. Basically nothing is solved and about half the people are dead, but it's somehow all excuse. Judge me all you want for that last statement, but it's the truth.

Unfortunately, half the country will be filling the theaters to see the ridiculous plot of "Eagle Eye" with the latest "it guy," Shia LaBeouf.

However, the film shows the great directors, like the Coen brothers will still be there through the garbage to find and present us with treasures like "Burn After Reading."